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Loyal troops subdue rebels after shooting in Lisbon

fierce clash between rebel forces d loyalist troops in Lisbon yesrday brought Portugal closer to il war than at any time since the volution started 19 months ago. overnment troops stormed the sident left-wing military police's barracks near the presidential palace. At least four deaths were reported. Infantry and armoured troops were said to be heading for Lisbon from northern Portugal last night to strengthen the Government forces.

Security force disbanded

m Michael Knipe
bon, Nov 26
oyalist Portuguese troops e firmly in control of Lisbon ight, having speedily put n an insurrection by leftist itary elements.

rmed resistance was mpted at a military police racks next to the presiden palace but the rebels kly surrendered when a achment of about 100 comndos stormed the building. least four soldiers died and were wounded in the clash ich involved mortar and chine gun fire.

ebel paratroopers who yesday seized four air bases rendered three of them with resistance. Tanks were tor standing by outside the rth base at Montijo, across river Tagus from Lisbon, ere the last of the rebels e still resisting the Governt and negotiations were beed to be in progress.

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lore than 50 arrested rebel leaders were moved to the thern city of Oporto, includ it was believed, Major is de Almeida, the deputy mmanding officer of the bon Light Artillery Regi a leading left-wing perality.

resident Costa Gomes, who cribed the insurrection as an mpted coup against the pro onal Government of Admiral heiro de Azevedo, is understood to have ordered the disding of Copcon, the rational command of the ied forces responsible for rnal security. A Copcon spokesman said officers attached to the command had been ordered to return to their units.



General Otelo de Carvalho: an undecided future

A spokesman for the Northern Military Command in Oporto said that loyal troops from the north were heading for the capital, but he declined to give their numbers.

The capital remains under a limited state of siege. No newspapers were allowed to be published, meetings and demonstrations have been banned and banks throughout the country have been closed until further notice. In most other respects life continued normally in most parts of Lisbon today but a midnight-to-5 am curfew has been imposed.

In defiance of a ban on public assembly several thousand left-wing civilians calling for arms gathered at the Light Artillery Regiment and at another barracks regarded as being left-wing in the suburbs of Setubal, but no weapons were being distributed.

Both the 2,000-strong military police regiment and the Light Artillery Regiment were controlled by Copcon, and the dissident paratroopers, who began the revolt yesterday, had made an announcement placing themselves under its command.

The whereabouts of General Otelo Saraive de Carvalho, the controversial Copcon commander, were not immediately clear. According to one report, he was under arrest but another said he was merely resting. Because of his left-wing sympathies General Otelo has been at odds with the more moderate members of the Revolutionary Council for some weeks, but he is not believed to have played any direct role in the insurrection.

Copcon has no standing forces of its own but could call on those of the four military regions. It was the failure of Copcon to provide effective military backing for the moderate sixth provisional Government in the face of persistent left-wing agitation that caused the Government last week to suspend its activities, precipitating the present crisis.

Moderates on the Revolutionary Council failed to persuade the President to sack General Otelo from command of Copcon but did succeed in forcing him to relinquish his other post as commander of the Lisbon Military Region.

His replacement by Captain Vasco Lorenzo, a leading moderate, provoked fierce opposition from leftist units in the region.

The paratroopers staged their insurrection in protest at plans to disband their unit and this provided the opportunity for the left-wing military police to take a stand.



A Soviet trawler guarding the wreck of the training ship Gorizont, which collided with another vessel in the Channel. Report, page 4.

Mr Wilson rebukes executive over Prentice implications

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

Mr Wilson washed his hands yesterday of any further involvement in assisting Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, to regain his position as Labour candidate in the Newham, North-east, constituency.

The Prime Minister's disengagement came during a speech to the party's national executive in which he gave warnings about developments in the party involving extremists on both sides.

Mr Wilson said: "One thing I wanted to make quite clear at the outset: whatever the executive does, whatever the outcome in Newham, has no bearing whatsoever on whom a Labour Prime Minister appoints to his government."

The national executive rejected Mr Prentice's appeal against the dismissal by his own party but went ahead with the proposal that Mr Hayward, general secretary, should make an attempt to bring the two factions in Newham together.

But Mr Prentice may have dashed any hopes of reconciliation in statements he made last night. Mr Hayward had said after the national executive meeting that his position "would be near impossible if either side continue to debate in public". He added: "The best Christmas present both sides could give me is that they kept silent."

Mr Prentice did not heed the warning. He said: "I will cooperate with Mr Hayward and I will instruct all my friends to do the same. He will have a very difficult job." He added: "I must repeat what I said the other night. I do not propose to change my basic political attitudes. They have to take me as I am and I hope they will be prepared to do so."

Mr Wilson told the national executive that the comments he had made at the annual party conference did not mean that "I expressed my support for the way Reg Prentice has conducted his campaign against those who seek to get rid of him".

The Prime Minister went on to imply that Mr Prentice had neglected his constituency party. After alluding to the grassroots work undertaken by the late Mr William Hamling, his former parliamentary private secretary, Mr Wilson said: "I think if Reg Prentice had done this for about four weekends years ago he could have built up a membership representative of those who voted for him.

"Again, I have severely criticized the sort of people with whom he surrounds himself, an anti-party group of the right. I regret, too, the sort of campaign he indulged in, and some of his virulence was related not to the issue in Newham but to assessing the need to support particular policies and philosophies within the party."

The suggestion, he said, was that the infiltration in that constituency and criticisms of his continued endorsement were entirely tied up with policy questions. He added: "To some extent there was truth in this, but I believe it was wrong to say that you can attack infiltration by the 'self-appointed samurai' only if you first purge yourself of any doctrine except those on the right of the party. This I totally reject."

Mr Wilson's comments were delivered in the context of the argument inside the national executive over a report by Mr Underhill, the party's national agent, on infiltration by revolutionary groups into the party.

The Prime Minister had clearly gone to the national executive to lay down what he thought the party should be thinking on the issue of party democracy.

He proposed that the organization committee should consider the possibility of an

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Iceland shuts its ports to cod war vessels

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Iceland Government retaliated yesterday against the British decision to provide naval protection for the trawler fleet by closing its airspace and airports to RAF aircraft and closing its ports to support ships of the fishing fleet.

The move, which repeats the pattern of the last "cod war" in 1973, came as no surprise in London. "We have no intention of violating Icelandic sovereign airspace", an RAF spokesman said last night. RAF plans are not based on using Icelandic airfields, except in case of emergency, and the closure will have no effect on air force operations, it was stated.

Announcing the closure in Reykjavik yesterday, Mr Sigurdsson, the Iceland Minister of Communications, said that while British support ships would be banned from entering Icelandic ports and it would be forbidden to give them any services there, exceptions would be made in cases of distress.

This decision, again like last time, reflects a certain degree of old-world honour in the conduct of the cod war, in that if fishermen were ill or injured, they would be given help in Icelandic ports; the same applies to RAF crews in distress, it is assumed.

Mr Hallgrimsson, the Iceland Prime Minister, said that his Government was carefully studying other possible counter measures. According to one newspaper report, this could include recalling Iceland's ambassador in London. Such an extreme course, however, seems most unlikely, and a feature of past disputes has been the heavy diplomatic traffic between the two capitals.

In another interview, Mr Agustsson, the Foreign Minister, suggested that he might boycott next month's meeting in Brussels of Nato Foreign Ministers.

The arrival of HMS Nimrod, the first of three British frigates sent to the fishing grounds, has evidently buttressed the skippers' confidence, according to an Icelandic Coast Guard report that the trawlers were now giving up the safety of numbers and spreading out more widely. They were reported to be fishing in an area 400 miles long off the northern and eastern coasts.

A coastguard spokesman said there were about 40 British trawlers off Iceland, the biggest grouping being off Langanes peninsula in the north-east, where about 15 vessels were being escorted by the Leopard and four support tugs. The remainder were spread from Hvalbakur island in the south-east to Grimsey island in the north, where five trawlers were fishing without protection.

The two other Royal Navy frigates, HMS Falmouth and HMS Brighton, will sail from Rosyth today, the Ministry of Defence announced. They will be on station on Saturday.

Iceland's agreement with West Germany on fishing rights within the new Icelandic 200-mile limit was strongly opposed in the Althing (Parliament) yesterday by the opposition parties. But leaders of the two ruling coalition parties predicted that parliamentary approval would be given.

The agreement gives German trawlers the right to catch 68,000 tons of fish a year inside the 200-mile zone, but limits the cod catch to 5,000 tons. Agreement between West Germany and Iceland, which the British Government has welcomed, was comparatively easy because the Germans, unlike the British, prefer red fish to cod.

Gang hold family in £200,000 bank raid

From Our Correspondent
Luton

An armed gang escaped with £200,000 from a bank yesterday after holding a family captive all night. Two men with shotguns held the assistant bank manager, his pregnant wife and their son, aged three, prisoners in their own home at Moor End Close, Eaton Bray, near Dunstable, Bedfordshire, before forcing them to drive to the bank and open the door. The raid was at the Midland Bank at West Street, Dunstable.

Bedfordshire CID said they were seeking four men, three of them with Irish accents. No one was injured and no shots were fired but the entire bank staff were locked into the vault.

Two men, faces masked by balaclava helmets, forced their way into the home of Mr Roy Simmons, aged 31, when his son Stephen, answered a knock at the door on Tuesday night. The family were made to sit up all night. At 6 am yesterday Mr Simmons was made to drive his own car to the bank. His wife and son were taken as hostages.

The raiders were forced to wait at the bank for another member of the staff because Mr Simmons knew only half the combination to open the vault. As staff came in they were forced to lie on the floor with guns trained on them; they bundled into the vault and locked in. They freed themselves and raised the alarm.

Mrs Linda Simmons, aged 26, and her son were also locked in the vault with the staff. Earlier she had been forced to write a note to a neighbour who was expected to call to take the boy to the village play group. The note, left on the family's front door read: "Margaret, apologies for not phoning but Stephen won't be going to playgroup this morning as we have had to go into Dunstable with Roy."

The police issued descriptions of four men, three of them aged 30 to 40 but one aged about 20, 6ft tall and well built. Three had Irish accents and one assumed an Irish accent. The police refused to comment on theories that the IRA were involved and said the accents might have been simply part of the men's disguise.

The five clearing banks have offered a £20,000 reward.

BMA to issue guide on 'emergencies only'

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Guidance to junior and senior doctors on how to limit their work to emergencies only is to be issued as soon as possible by the British Medical Association.

After the council of the association endorsed the doctors' proposed action yesterday, as expected, Dr Derek Stevenson, the secretary, said that urgent meetings of consultants, juniors, and general practitioners were being held to lay down the best guidelines possible.

The juniors begin their action today and the consultants on Monday. Dr Stevenson said that the definition of emergencies must be left to the clinical judgment of doctors present. Certain cases, such as cancer, obstetrics, and the treatment of children must be regarded as in that category.

Dr Stephenson emphasized that junior doctors, while working a 40-hour week, would work flexibly. There would be no danger to the life of any patient suffering from a medical emergency.

Dr Stevenson said that the preparation for the collection of resignations of consultants, senior house medical officers and medical assistants, would now begin.

The opinion of all consultants on the matter of resignation may be tested by ballot.

Mrs Castle supported: TUC leaders yesterday pledged support to Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, for her policies in the National Health Service (a Staff Reporter writes). Some left-wingers on the Labour Party's National Executive abstained in a vote approving of her policies because they felt it implied acceptance of the £6 pay limit.

The leaders of the royal colleges and faculties covering every branch of medicine in Britain said in a statement released last night that they could not associate themselves with the decision to limit services to emergency treatment. But they deplored the Government's refusal to show any willingness to consult the profession in a meaningful way on its proposals.

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John Earle
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Israelis die ir crash

Aviv, Nov 26.—An Israel rce transport aircraft on ing flight crashed in the Desert last night, killing troops and crew on board, my announced today.
aircraft, flying in cloud, the peak of Jebel Halal l) in northern Sinai. It ne of Israel's worst air s. An inquiry has been —Reuter.

New York taxes itself to win Ford aid

From Peter Strafford
New York, Nov 26

Officials in New York City and Albany, the state capital, have agreed on financial measures which, it is hoped, will persuade President Ford that federal help is now justified to prevent the city going bankrupt.

The measures include a series of new taxes for the city, investments by the city employees' pension funds, agreement by the pension funds and the city's banks to exchange short-term notes for longer-term bonds, and a moratorium on the repayment of privately held notes.

Mr Ford had insisted that these measures should be taken by the city and state authorities before he would himself agree to any federal assistance. Perhaps the hardest to accept was the new taxes, and they were approved last night in Albany after several failures to round up the necessary votes.

There will now be a higher personal income tax on New York residents, higher death duties, higher taxes for the banks, an increase in taxes on cigarettes, and the extension of the sales tax to beauty shops, barbers, health salons, massage parlours and turkish baths.

In the course of the discussions in Albany, Mr Hugh Carey, the state governor, had to deal with Democrats who refused to accept a general increase in the city's sales tax, Republicans who rejected an increase in taxes on commuters, and black and Puerto Rican representatives who wanted more account taken of their problems.

Appearing on television this morning, Mr Carey said that the state legislature, city officials and others had now done all they could. It was up to Mr Ford to take action to save the city from bankruptcy, and he hoped he would show a sense of timing, with tomorrow the national Thanksgiving holiday.

Federal assistance is seen as the final item in the package of measures designed to tide New York over until the middle of 1978, by which time it should have got its budget into balance. It would mark the beginning of the end of the crisis which has gripped the city since the spring.

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Royal expenses scrutiny

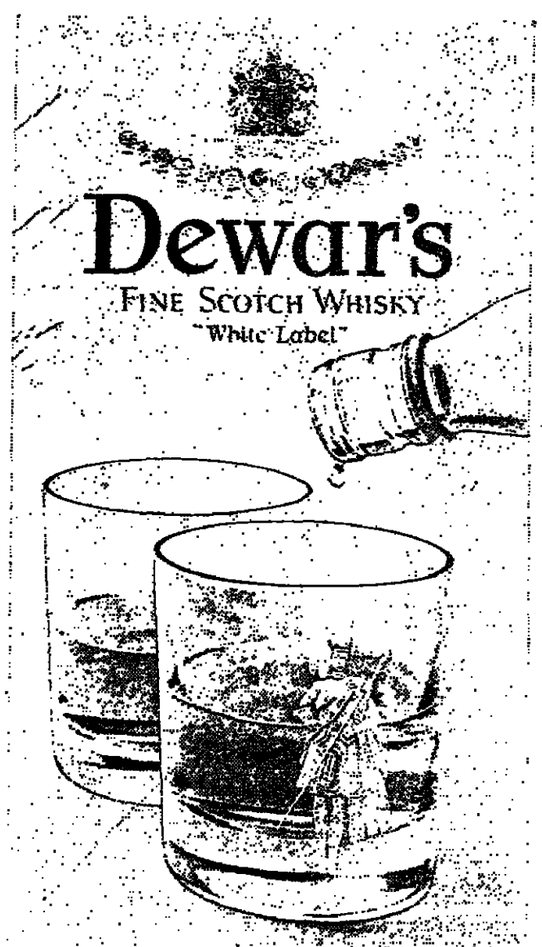
By Our Political Staff

The Civil List Bill was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday to change the system under which annual payments are made by the Government to the Queen.

It authorizes the payments, made under the Civil List Act, 1972, to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund. That means that the amounts required for the Royal Household will be included in the annual estimates in the same way as the expenditure of a government department, and subject to the same scrutiny in the House of Commons.

The Government intends to adjust the provision each year to take into account the effect of inflation.

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State talks with Chrysler chief to continue today

Crucial talks between the Government and the Chrysler Corporation over the future of the company's British subsidiary were adjourned last night after less than 90 minutes. No statement was issued by either side but a Whitehall spokesman said it was likely that Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr John Riccardo, the Chrysler chairman, would be meeting again today. Mr Riccardo came to London in response to a request from the Prime Minister

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Ulster security plans

Proposals to tighten border security are to be presented to the Dublin Ministry for Foreign Affairs this week by Mr John Hickman, acting British Ambassador in Dublin, who attended an emergency meeting of senior civil servants and security chiefs yesterday at Stormont Castle

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Small mercies

The general pardon granted by King Juan Carlos, published yesterday, had a cool reception in Madrid. It was considered to have done little for the estimated 2,000 political prisoners. Professor Tierno Galvan, a socialist lawyer and politician, said it disappointed non-violent opposition groups

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TV licence threat legal, judge rules

A Home Office letter threatening to revoke "overlapping" colour television licences taken out to beat the April Budget increases unless viewers paid the extra £6 was tactless but not illegal, Mr Justice Phillips ruled in the High Court yesterday. He dismissed a claim by Mr Andrew Congreve, a London solicitor, for a declaration that the revocation of his licence would be illegal and of no effect. Mr Congreve, of Blomfield Road, Maida Hill, said he would appeal tomorrow

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'Jobless exploited'

TUC leaders, shaken by yesterday's militant demonstration over unemployment, are to seek urgent government action. As marchers shouted "Murray out" outside TUC headquarters Mr Len Murray, general secretary, accused extremist groups of callously exploiting the plight of the workless for political ends.

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Afrikaans poet jailed

Breyten Breytenbach, the Afrikaans poet, was jailed for nine years yesterday at the end of his trial in Pretoria on charges under the Terrorism Act

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Estate agents curb

The Government proposes to introduce a licensing system to ensure that agents and developers selling land or dwellings to the public are fit to carry on business. The system would be administered by the Director General of Fair Trading

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Earthquake 'forecast'

The Chinese claim to have found a way of detecting earthquakes in time to save lives by advance evacuation of the threatened area. It involves detection of warning tremors and changes in animals' behaviour, and has saved the population of Haicheng

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HOME NEWS

Mr Murray accuses demonstrators of exploiting unemployed

By Paul Routledge and Tim Jones

TUC leaders, clearly shaken by the scale of a militant unofficial demonstration in London yesterday, are to seek immediate action from the Government to halt the rise in unemployment.

As marchers shouted "Murray out" outside the headquarters of the TUC in Great Russell Street, Mr Len Murray, the general secretary accused extremist groups of callously exploiting the plight of the jobless for political ends. But he also said that the unions were unhappy about employment prospects and would seek new talks with the Chancellor in the next two weeks.

Speaking after 20,000 had marched past the TUC offices, Mr Murray said: "Of course trade unionists are concerned about unemployment. The present level is unacceptably high. The upward trend must be reversed, and soon.

"We shall in the near future be putting to the Government our specific proposals for further action to achieve this, consistent with the need to beat inflation, and we shall be expecting a response, and quickly."

The TUC is expected to hold talks with Mr Healey before mid-December, arguing for "action now" on union proposals for extension of the temporary employment subsidy; more funds for job-creation programmes administered by the Manpower Services Commission; more help for the construction industry; import controls for industries damaged by the unrestrained flow of low-price manufactured goods into the United Kingdom, and unspecified financial measures to alleviate the fall in demand.

Mr Murray promised: "We shall keep up our pressure on the Government, but the best way of overcoming this problem is by the TUC working with the Government, not by taking part in anti-government demonstrations.

"I have no doubt that many of the people in the demonstration are sincere and honest in their concern. But the true nature of the extremist groups which are callously exploiting this concern and the plight of the unemployed for their own political ends was illustrated by the attempted so-called occupation of the TUC offices", Mr Murray said.

The police were called to Congress House on Tuesday night after a group of militants had locked themselves in a first-floor office overlooking Great Russell Street. They left after occupying the office for several hours when the police began forcing the door with a crowbar.

The men, variously estimated at between 10 and 20 in number, were protesting about the level of unemployment and the continued imprisonment of Mr Des Warren, the jailed Shrewsbury picket.

In unusually strong language, Mr Murray also criticized the "handful of Labour MPs who have been naive or misguided enough to be led by the nose to show vestiges of support for activities condemned by the TUC. He hoped they would take to heart the involvement of extremist groups "and realize where the Labour movement's interests lie".

The demonstration had been called on the initiative of the north-western area of the TUC and the London no 8 district of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. Trains and coaches brought workers and unemployed from all over the country.

It was the biggest demonstration against government policy since Labour took office in 1974 and possibly the largest protest against unemployment since the 1930s. It caused severe dislocation of traffic in central London.

The massed ranks of trade unionists were interspersed with extreme left-wing groups, including the International Socialists, Trotskyists and anarchists, as well as the Communist Party of Great Britain, which was largely responsible for organizing the demonstration.

Mr John Deason, a march steward, said: "We are annoyed that the TUC leadership will not give backing to this mobilization of trade unionists"; one of their aims was to end the present TUC leadership and "unite the employed and unemployed in action against this social evil".

The march gained added significance from the publication on Tuesday of the unemployment figures, which showed more people out of work than at any time since the war.

The banner-waving protesters, including 700 Chrysler workers threatened with possible redundancy, marched to the House of Commons to lobby their MPs.

The police said later that five men had been arrested and charged after alleged incidents in which four policemen were slightly hurt. The charges include allegations of being drunk and disorderly, obstructing the police and obstructing the highway.



Demonstrators marching past the TUC headquarters in London yesterday.

'Loyalists' anticipate government powers

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The dominant "loyalist" coalition inside the Ulster Convention is setting up what amounts to a shadow Administration of subject groups. They will monitor the work of each government department in the expectation that their powers will be returned to an Ulster parliament in the new year. Details of the controversial plan were first put to Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, by representatives of the United Ulster Unionist Coalition during a private meeting held at Stormont nine days ago but they have not been made public before this.

The scheme has been adopted by the loyalist majority despite strong indications that the recent report of the Convention it drafted will not be acceptable at Westminster. The coalition appears to be working on the unrealistic assumption that a wide range of powers will be returned to a regional government with a built-in Protestant majority.

The Northern Ireland Office confirmed yesterday that at last week's meeting Mr Rees had agreed to allow the new groups free access to ministers responsible for the various departments of state: "The facility is available to them", it stated, "but it will have to be treated with respect and not abused."

During the next few days the 42 UUUC Convention members will be split into a number of study groups, probably eight to coincide with the number of local ministries proposed in the Convention's report. The composition of the groups is the responsibility of Mr Harry West, the UUUC leader, who will be selecting a senior politician to take charge of each one. Mr West said yesterday: "These groups will be training our people for responsibility in running government departments at some time in the future."

The group handling agriculture has already been selected.

Border security plans to be put to Dublin

From a Staff Reporter
Belfast

Secret proposals for increasing border security will be put to the Dublin Government later this week after an emergency meeting between senior British civil servants and security chiefs yesterday at Stormont Castle.

The meeting reflected the Government's deep anxiety about renewed Provisional IRA violence in remote border areas, particularly the countryside of south Armagh, where four British soldiers have been murdered in less than a week.

Although Mr Rees, Secretary of State, has recently expressed satisfaction with the cooperation on security received from the Dublin Government, British officials believe that the recent violence has disclosed several loopholes.

Proposals agreed at the meeting will be presented to the republic's Ministry for Foreign Affairs by Mr John Hickman, Britain's acting Ambassador to Dublin, who took part in yesterday's meeting. Among the measures understood to have been discussed were ways of improving communications between the security forces on each side of the border and the possibility of sending more troops into the vulnerable areas.

Government officials are convinced from army intelligence reports that the latest border terrorism is designed to wreck Mr Rees's policy of releasing the remaining republican detainees by Christmas.

The Dublin Government remains adamant that its own border security arrangements are as intense as its limited economic and manpower resources will allow. In private, senior Dublin officials also point out that policing in the republic's border counties is much more widespread than in such areas as south Armagh and arrests of Provisional IRA leaders are more frequent now in the republic than in Northern Ireland.

UDR call out: The 8th battalion of the mainly part-time Ulster Defence Regiment is being called out full time for up to a week in east Tyrone, where two policemen, Sergeant Patrick Maxwell, aged 34, a Roman Catholic, and Reserve Constable Samuel Clarke, aged 53, were killed in a Provisional IRA ambush on Tuesday.

The call-out of the battalion, almost 600-strong and including 32 women, begins at noon today.

"Hanging" warning: There were warnings from both Government and Tory front benches in the Commons yesterday that restoration of the the death penalty for acts of terrorism would do more harm than good (our Parliamentary Correspondent writes).

Mr Ian Gilmour, spokesman on Home Affairs, opening for the Tories on the second reading of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, explained to his backbenchers that although it was a matter for individual judgment his aversion to the death penalty had not been undermined by recent events in Spain.

Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, told MPs that he understood the strong feelings involved, and the natural reaction to acts of bestial horribleness, but he remained convinced that it was his duty to put aside old prejudices and traditional attitudes and to recommend only measures that would reduce and not increase violence.

As the debate opened on the Bill to reenact last year's Prevention of Terrorism Act with its powers to exclude certain persons from the United Kingdom, to proscribe organizations concerned with terrorism, and to give special powers of arrest there were protests at the refusal of the Speaker to call an amendment that would have allowed a division on the death penalty issue.

The amendment, signed by 23 Tory MPs and the Rev Ian Paisley, of the United Ulster Unionist Coalition, declined to give a second reading to the Bill, which it said failed to give full protection to British subjects.

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West Indian protest over visit to Jamaica

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

A plan to send two education officials to the West Indies to study Jamaican culture was criticized by members of Nottingham West Indian Nationals Association. They accused Nottinghamshire education authority of squandering ratepayers' money.

It will cost nearly £1,000 to send Mr Derek Sowell, the authority's deputy director of education, and Mr Eric Irons, a West Indian employed by the authority, to the Caribbean.

Mr George Leigh, the association's chairman, said he had written to County Hall, Nottingham, to find out whether the education authority regarded children born to Jamaican parents difficult. "As far as we know, the majority of these children were born in Nottingham", he added.

His association thought the money to pay for the trip should be spent on improving education.

The education department said the visit "will help us to understand something more of the background of one specific group of families".

Couple's goods redeemed by businessman

From Our Correspondent
King's Lynn

Mr Gordon Brown, a business man, paid £667 at auction at Watton, Norfolk, yesterday to return a couple's furniture and car, seized by bailiffs. Beating off rival bids, he bought 24 lots for £337, the car paid £300 for the 1969 Ford Cortina.

Bailiffs had taken the items from Mr and Mrs Eddie Secker's home at Ashill, Norfolk, because as treasurer of Holme Hale sports and social club, Mr Secker was held responsible for debts to a builder of more than £3,500 for an extention to the club house. It was also the only club office with any realizable assets.

Mr Brown, of King's Lynn, handed the furniture back to the Seckers. His top price was £28 for a purple carpet.

He explained: "I once had a similar experience myself. My furniture was almost taken away by bailiffs." He said he had been prepared to pay £1,000 if necessary.

Mr Secker, aged 29, a lorry driver, said there was still the danger that his £10,000 business low would be sold over his head to meet the debts.

Prime Minister in clash over Mr Prentice

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amendment in the party rules whereby if a sitting Labour MP was dismissed, or threatened with the possibility, all card-carrying Labour supporters should be called to a meeting and allowed to vote. Mr Wilson stipulated there should be a time-limit on membership in order to avoid a rush of new members.

The Prime Minister emphasized his concern that any conflict between the parliamentary party and the national executive must be avoided and that matter must not get out of hand. He was critical of a suggestion, put forward by Mr Ian Mikardo, a leading left-winger, that all MPs should attend reselection conferences every Parliament, except where they were overtaken by a dissolution.

Mr Wilson said the national executive was too prone to ignore the existence, and the central constitutional role, of the PLP and there was growing disenchantment in the party of very many members of the PLP (he was not just talking about the extreme right) and what the national executive did.

He continued: "I have spent 13 years so far trying to keep this party together, and I do not like what is going on. Now that candidates can identify themselves on the ballot paper in terms of party affiliations you could easily get a situation—a situation I would very much regret—in which candidates were standing with the appellation 'Parliamentary Labour Candidate'."

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Mr Wilson said he wanted to "warn the national executive about the situation that is developing". He added: "I reject the arrogance of extremists on the non-party, anti-party, left-people who have always opposed what we are trying to achieve; and equally the arrogance of the anti-party right."

The national executive agreed that the suggestions of both Mr Wilson and Mr Mikardo should go before the organization committee for examination. But the national executive did reject, by 16 votes to 12, an attempt to revive Mr Underhill's report on Trotskyist infiltration.

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Anger at Mr Wilson's statement

By Our Political Staff

Members of the Labour Party national executive expressed anger last night at the release of a statement that the Prime Minister had made to them.

Mr Wilson is understood to have told the executive that he intended to release the text; but some members objected. He then apparently raised questions about guaranteeing that there would be no "leaks" and the matter was dropped.

But at the end of a joint meeting of the Cabinet and the national executive in the afternoon Mr Wilson announced that he understood that *The Times* had acquired the text of what he had said, and consequently that he must release the statement to the press.

The full text of Mr Wilson's statement is as follows:

As one who was chairman of the organization sub-committee longer than anyone else since the end of the war, I feel I must express my views to the NEC.

I have already, in a letter replying to an MP and in my speech at party conference, set out my views on this unhappy Newham affair.

One thing I wanted to make quite clear at the outset. Whatever the executive does, whatever the outcome in Newham, has no bearing whatsoever on whom a Labour Prime Minister appoints to his government. There have been some misunderstandings on this point.

The reasons why I expressed the views I did at conference, with very full support from the floor, I have made clear. This does not mean that in so doing I expressed my support for the way Reg Prentice has conducted his campaign against those who seek to get rid of him.

The general secretary in his speech at conference expressed his wonderment at the inability of an experienced MP, failing to be able to retain the support of 26 members of a general management committee of 50.

I believe in membership. At Blackpool, I quoted the very weighty words of the Wilson report on membership 20 years ago. The situation is as bad now as it was then in some constituencies, mainly safe seats.

My colleagues will remember my PPS (parliamentary private secretary), Bill Hamling. He collapsed in my room and died soon afterwards. Every Sunday morning since the election he was canvassing to get more members, and this was in the constituency with practically the biggest individual membership in the country. The Sunday before he collapsed he was canvassing in Woolwich, East, a safe seat, to get membership for them. I think if Reg Prentice had done this for about four weekends years ago he could have built up a membership representative of those who voted for him.

Again I have severely criticized the sort of people with whom he surrounded himself, an anti-party group of the right.

I regret, too, the sort of campaign he indulged in, and some of his virulence was related not to the issue in Newham but to asserting the need to support particular policies and philosophies within the party.

The suggestion was that the infiltration in that constituency and criticism of his continued endorsement were entirely tied up with policy questions. To some extent there was truth in this, but I believe it was wrong to say that you can only attack infiltration, the "self appointed Samurai", if you first purge yourself of any doctrine except those on the right of the party. This I totally reject. I think that one or two other cases affecting sitting members also raises questions of personalities, for example where the member has been a little abrasive over the years.

I am concerned with the people. On the question of people, I make two points.

One: While the party has always been somewhat haphazard in its selection of candidates—or some of us would not be here—once a selected candidate has received the imprimatur, the stamp of the electorate, there has got to be a very strong case for his removal. Such a case, as I have repeatedly emphasized, would exist if the MP neglected his constituency: if he failed adequately to represent their interests in Parliament; if through illness or senility he was no longer capable of performing his duties; or if he blatantly flouted the policy of the party, or failed to support an elected Labour government. We must avoid a situation where supporting an elected Labour government provides a prima facie case for his removal.

Two: As I said at conference, I have been leader of this party for nearly 13 years. Not a single MP has lost the Labour whip except on his own volition. My first action was to restore the Labour whip, which has led to the enrichment of the party and indeed the present Cabinet. No one has ever lost the whip on the standing order crime of personal attacks. If all who had made personal attacks on me as leader and Prime Minister were to suffer the penalties provided in former standing orders we would be a much smaller Parliamentary Labour Party. That is not what I would wish.

For these reasons I cannot lend my support to the idea that where I have gone to great lengths to insist that the whip is withdrawn from none, small groups of people, not in every case indigenous to the constituency, or possessing close ties with the constituency, should have the right to withdraw the whip I have sought to maintain.

I want to warn the national executive about the situation that is developing. I reject the arrogance of extremists on the non-party, anti-party left—people who have always opposed what we are trying to achieve, and equally the arrogance of the anti-party right.

I am not a lawyer, but I believe that as a national executive committee we are, and have been, all of us, for many years, breaking the constitution of the party. Clause eight gives us our first duty to ensure "the establishment of, and to keep in active operation, a constituency Labour party in every constituency . . ."

I want to warn the national executive committee. While it is always possible for us to look at these questions on the eighth or fourth floor of Transport House the reality goes much wider.

The reality extends to the Parliamentary Labour Party. They are men and women who have been elected in support of the manifestos we have put forward, endorsed by thousands upon thousands of party workers, and voted for by many millions of our people. It is important that this executive should recognize not only the views of those millions of voters, but also recognize the existence of the Parliamentary Labour Party, who have a very special place enshrined in the constitution.

I want to warn particularly against the kind of proposals before us this morning put forward by Ian Mikardo, which we are still to debate.

Follow his advice and you could find a very determined Parliamentary Labour Party embattled against us as members of the executive.

The executive is too prone to ignore the existence, and the central constitutional role, of the Parliamentary Labour Party, all elected as a result of the efforts of party members all over the country. There is a growing disenchantment on the part of very many members of the PLP—and I am not talking about the extreme right—about what we do here at our meetings.

I have spent 13 years so far trying to keep this party together and I do not like what is going on. Now that candidates can identify themselves on the ballot paper in terms of party affiliations your could easily get a situation, a situation I would very much regret, in which candidates were standing with the appellation "Parliamentary Labour candidate". In a safe seat, I guess many of them would win. In a marginal seat where a move had occurred against the sitting member, there could be a split, with a certainty of a victory by our opponents.

There are many precedents—11 in a very short period during and shortly after the war—where someone elected not on the Labour ticket was granted the Labour whip. This could happen in respect of candidates disendorsed by the kind of procedures we are seeing followed, who were then embraced within the bosom of the parliamentary party.

I would deplore this and do all in my power to prevent it, but it is a very real possibility. I would hope therefore that nothing that comes out of this meeting of the national executive committee were to lead to such a situation, which would simply be divisive within our established institutions and provide nothing but comfort and parliamentary seats to our opponents.

Couple 'attempted suicide' after wife killed girls

A couple tried several times to kill themselves after the wife had strangled the daughters she loved too much to let them live in a bad world, Mr Allan Henderson, the Gateshead and South Tyneside coroner, was told yesterday.

The couple took huge quantities of aspirin and tried to gas themselves with car exhaust fumes, it was stated. Mrs Mary McNall, aged 36, died. Her husband survived and again tried to end his life. He cut his wrists, drank brake fluid and put a plastic bag over his head.

Mr Alfred McNall, an electrician, of Cromer Avenue, Low Fell, Gateshead, was asked just to confirm that what he had told the police was correct. He was unable to take the oath.

The jury returned a verdict that Beverley, aged six, and her sister Alison, aged three, died as the result of their mother's manslaughter "while the mind of this lady was diminished: she had a sense of diminished responsibility". Mrs McNall had committed suicide for the same reasons, they said.

Det Chief Inspector Gordon McMurchie said Mr McNall had said that when he returned home from work on September 17 he found his daughters dead and his wife semi-conscious. He went to telephone for an ambulance but his wife told him not to. She had given tablets to the children.

Mr McMurchie said Mr McNall and his wife then took aspirin and other tablets but they made them sick. They drove into north-west Durham, looking for a wood where they could "die without involving anyone else".

Wreckage 'not from trawler'

A piece of wreckage from a lifeboat, picked up by a Norwegian trawler off North Cape, Norway, did not come from the Hull trawler Gaul, which was lost with her crew of 36 in the area in February last year, the Department of Trade said yesterday.

But a trawl net which is thought to have come from the Gaul will be examined at Hull in the next few days.

Apology by TV company

By Our Arts Reporter

Granada Television last night apologized for the inclusion in an episode of its political drama series, *The Nearly Man*, of an extract of the recorded broadcast of the proceedings of the House of Commons.

"If Granada have broken any undertaking connected with the recent broadcasting experiment we are sorry and will be writing to the Leader of the House to say so", the company said.

The episode, entitled *Reshuffle—June, 1975*, on Tuesday evening, covered part of the period of the month's broadcasting experiment. The extract could be heard for 11.4 seconds and its use led to a protest in the Commons yesterday by Mr James Wellbeloved, Labour MP for Bexley, Erith and Crayford.

He said it was in breach of an undertaking that extracts from the taped proceedings should be used only in news bulletins and current affairs programmes.

Mr Short promised to look into his complaint.

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Disturbance at Limerick jail

Three women prison officers at Limerick jail were scalded when five republican prisoners hurled boiling water on them and barricaded themselves in the kitchen.

Officers used hoses to force them back to their cells. The prisoners are protesting at increased security measures.

Ministers in dispute

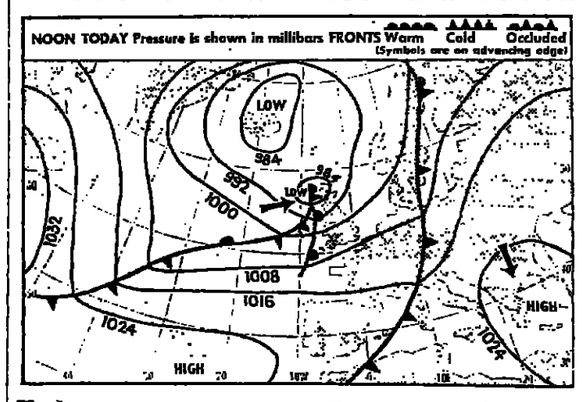
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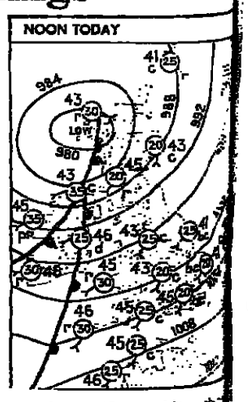
Non-ministerial members among Labour Party policy-makers were given a display of the political antagonism between Mr Healey, the Chancellor, and Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, at a joint meeting yesterday of the Cabinet and the national executive committee.

Mr Healey said that if Mr Benn thought there was going to be a slump he ought to oppose import controls because such action would not help Britain to get over it.

While Mr Healey intends to bring in selective controls soon, he was criticizing those like Mr Benn who support party pressure for import controls.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.37 am Sun sets: 3.59 pm
Moon rises: 12.23 am Moon sets: 12.53 pm
New Moon: December 3.
Lighting up: 4.29 pm to 7.9 am
High water: London Bridge, 7.12 am, 6.4m (21.0ft); 8.5 pm, 6.5m (21.4ft). Avonmouth, 12.46 am, 10.8m (35.4ft); 1.15 pm, 11.0m (36.2ft). Dover, 4.45 am, 5.9m (19.5ft); 5.33 pm, 5.8m (19.1ft). Hull, 12.23 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Liverpool, 5.11 am, 7.9m (25.8ft); 5.34 pm, 8.1m (26.7ft).

Pressure will remain low to the N of Scotland and troughs will move E over the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Mostly dry at first but cloud and rain soon spreading E, clear periods in most places at night; wind SW veering W, fresh or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

E, central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth: Mostly dry at first, soon cloudy with rain, mainly dry in evening and at night with clear periods; wind SW, veering W fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England, Wales: Cloudy with periods of rain, bright or clear intervals later and isolated showers; wind SW, veering W, strong, perhaps gale; max temp 10°C (50°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy with showers and longer periods of rain; wind S, veering NW, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Changeable, showers some longer outbreaks of rain, bright intervals; temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, fresh or strong, gale at times; sea moderate or rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW, strong or gale; sea rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 0 pm, 83 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, .01in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algarve	f	19	66	Cardiff	c	9	48	Jersey	s	9	48
Algiers	f	18	64	Cologne	r	7	45	P. Palmas	s	23	73
Amsterdm	r	7	45	Copenhgn	s	6	43	Lisbon	s	21	70
Athens	c	14	57	Dublin	s	11	52	Locarno	s	13	55
Barcelona	f	18	64	Edinburgh	s	8	46	London	s	11	52
Beirut	f	26	79	Florence	s	14	57	Luxmbrg	r	7	45
Belfast	r	8	46	Frankfurt	r	7	45	Madrid	s	18	64
Berlin	r	10	50	Geneva	s	13	55	Majorca	s	18	64
Biarritz	r	16	61	Gibraltar	s	19	66	Malaga	s	19	66
Birmnghm	c	9	48	Guernsey	r	9	48	Malta	s	19	66
Bristol	r	9	48	Helsinki	c	0	32	Manchstr	r	9	48
Brussels	r	7	45	Innsbruck	s	-1	30	Moscow	s	-1	30
Budapest	s	6	43	Istanbul	c	8	46	Munich	s	3	37
Naples	c	16	61
New York	c	10	50
Nice	c	16	61
Oslo	r	1	34
Paris	r	7	45
Reykjavik	c	-1	30
Rome	c	14	57
Ronldsway	r	9	48
Stockholm	r	3	37
Tel Aviv	c	16	61
Venice	c	13	55
Vienna	s	4	39
Warsaw	s	3	37
Zurich	s	7	45

Overseas selling prices: Austria, sch 15; Belgium, Fr 12; Canaries, Pe 10; Denmark, Dkr 2.50; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2; Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Dr 30; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, 300 lire; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 4.00; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 30; Sweden, Skr 3.50; Switzerland, Sfr 0.50; Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 3.75;

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Pacifist talks of Army's 'forced labour'

By David Leigh

The Army's willingness to hold adolescent boys in service against their will was a form of forced labour, Miss Gwyneth Williams, one of 14 pacifists on trial at the Central Criminal Court for conspiracy to contravene the Incitement to Disaffection Act, said in a two-hour final speech in her own defence yesterday.

Proper advice about rights of discharge and the procedure for registering conscientious objection was not available, she said. Adolescents, who frequently changed their minds, were enticed to sign on by glossy literature and encouraged, if they had doubts, to "soldier on" for six months. After that they could not leave until they were 21.

"One of the good things that has come out of this trial is that it has now prodded the conscience of other groups to distribute information to soldiers", she said.

The Crown, unable to show that she had tried to persuade soldiers to desert, had smeared pacifists by saying that they helped the IRA and would have welcomed Hitler. "I have been hooted and jeered at by supporters of the IRA", she said.

The defendants were a minority group, who were being persecuted by an absurd charge of conspiracy. "Seduction", with which they were charged, was a medieval term meaning the leading astray of vassals, servants and soldiers.

Miss Williams, who admitted assisting absconding soldiers, against the Army Acts, but denied attempting to seduce soldiers as charged, said that things happening in Northern Ireland deserved to be subverted.

She accused the Crown of a smear campaign against At Ease, a legal counselling service for soldiers to which she belonged, and against the National Council for Civil Liberties, implying that those organizations were part of a conspiracy.

Closing speeches on behalf of the defendants, four of whom are representing themselves, continue today.

Man served with exclusion order

An exclusion order was served yesterday on one of the 46 people arrested in Southampton last week under the anti-terrorist law. The document was signed by Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary.

The man, who has not been named, is being held in Winchester prison and has 48 hours to appeal.



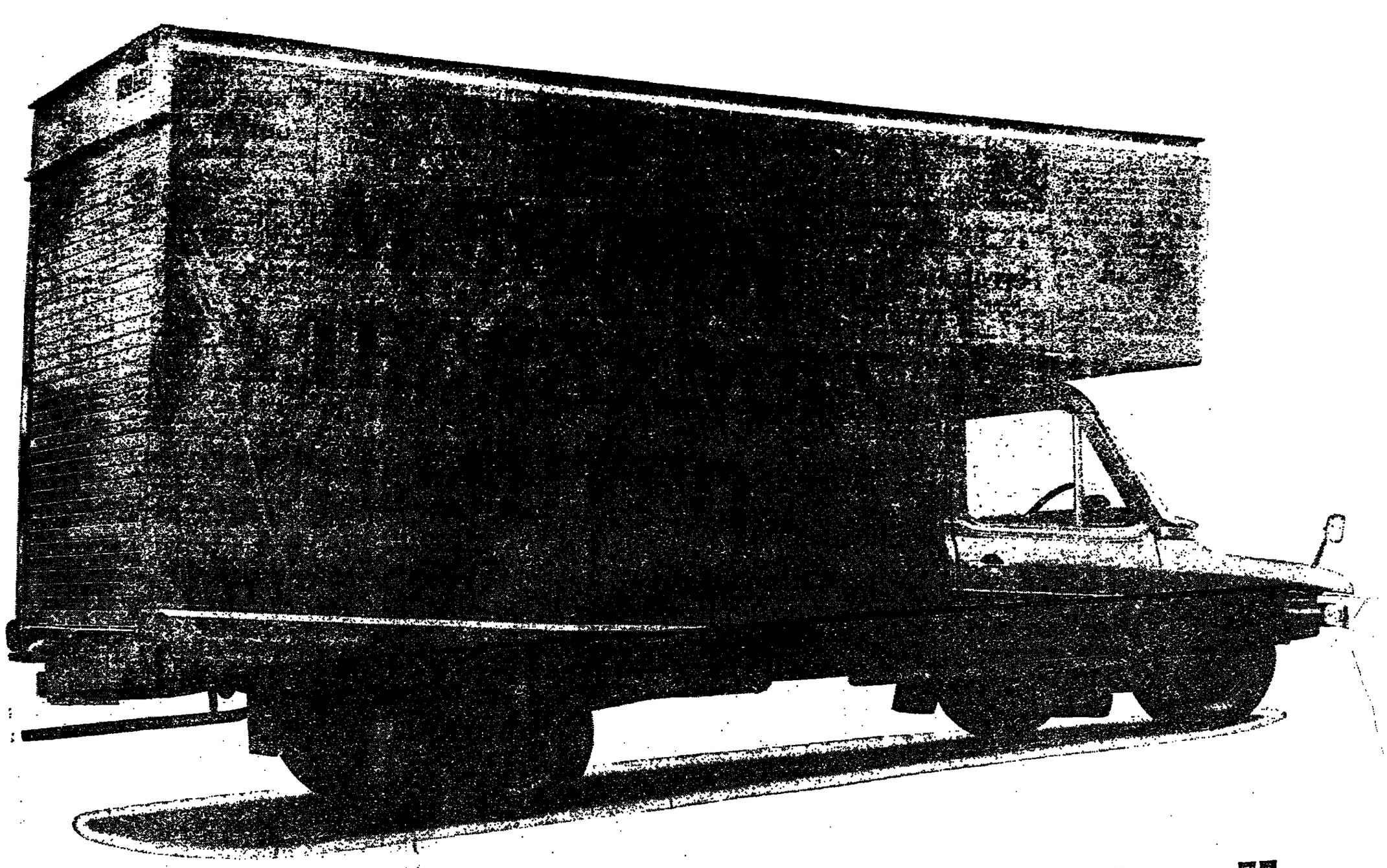
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HOME NEWS

Wider use of penalties for vandals and parents urged

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Wider use of powers to penalize offenders and parents in suitable cases as a deterrent against vandalism is suggested in a Home Office report published yesterday.

It says that nominal and apparently ineffective penalties may sometimes be applied because magistrates, like the general public, do not know the true cost, social and financial.

If that was more generally known magistrates might well be more disposed to make greater use of the penalties available to them in punishing offenders and, where appropriate, their parents.

Evidence to a working party suggested that the most effective propaganda against vandalism is reports of prosecutions, particularly the imposition of substantial penalties.

"We are not asking for heavy penalties in all cases without regard to the circumstances of the offence or of the offender and his family", the report says.

But substantial penalties for suitable cases were available, for example, under the Criminal Damage Age, 1971, while the new community service scheme could be appropriately used in some cases.

The report says: "It is not widely enough known that the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, (as amended) provides that fines, damages and costs may be made the responsibility of parents or guardians of young offenders, while the Criminal Courts Act, 1973, gives power to enforce the payment of compensation without limit by the Crown Court and by magistrates' courts up to a maximum of £400 for each offence. These powers appear to be only seldom used."

The working party suggests more systematic, precise and regular reports about damage and repair costs to the police by victims of vandalism. The total costs should be widely publicized monthly to alert everyone to the extent. One large construction company estimated its losses to be about 3 per cent of the amount of its contracts.

Among other measures proposed by the report is the wider use of vandal-resistant materials. More attention should be given to the design and siting of buildings and other facilities to allow people better to keep an eye on them. Valuable public property should be better supervised.

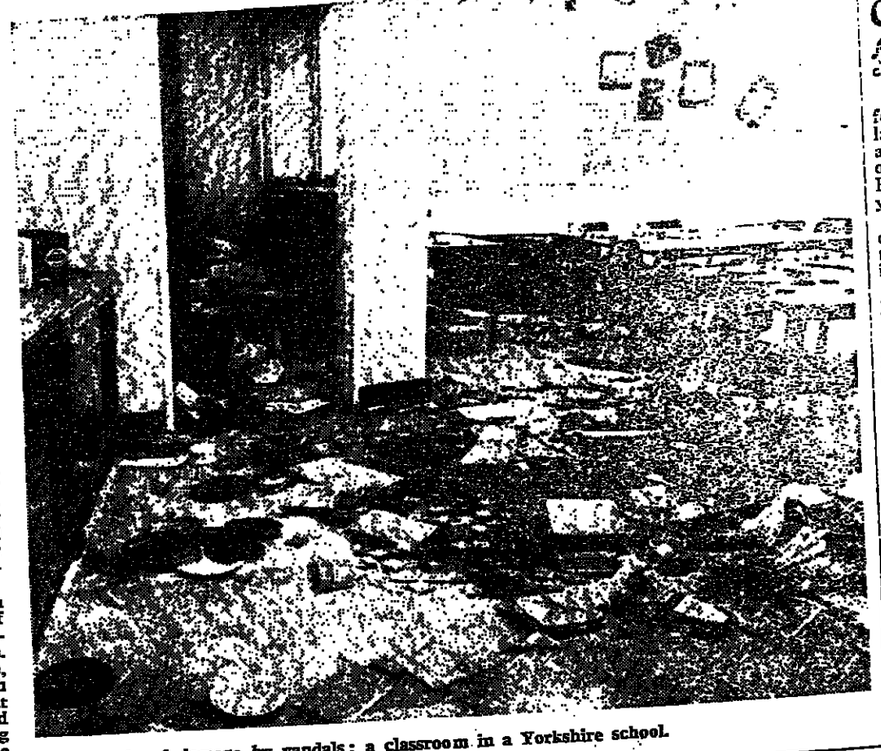
Research showing that nearly all vandals are boys and the peak age for committing it 14 to 16 prompts the working party to suggest that more should be done to channel the energies of the "unclubbable" who cause most damage.

Welcoming original thinking and experiment, the report says: "We hope that youth leaders will go on searching for the unconventional, tough, even slightly dangerous activity which will consume energy and provide controlled outlets for aggression and vigorous individual and group competition."

The annual cost of vandalism to the community is tens of millions of pounds and is increasing fast, the report says. Calling for the public, police, courts and industry to act with urgency to reverse the trend, it states: "The economic and social consequences of allowing this state of affairs to continue unchanged are intolerable in any responsible society."

The report, which is by a working party, chaired by Sir Douglas Osmond, Chief Constable of Hampshire, of the Home Office Standing Committee on Crime Prevention, is being sent to chief constables, local authorities, the construction industry and other interested bodies.

Protection against Vandalism (Home Office Public Relations Branch, Publicity Section, Palace Chambers, 9 Bridge Street, London, SW1, free).



One example of damage by vandals; a classroom in a Yorkshire school.

Hooligans at matches cost council £14,769

The cost of policing six league football games in West Midlands in a fortnight was £18,639 and £14,769 of it was a charge on the rates, the West Midlands Police Committee was told yesterday.

It is considering calling a conference to discuss the cost to the public of football vandalism and hooliganism.

A joint report to the committee from the chief constable, Mr Philip Knights, and Mr K. E. Rose, county treasurer, said that 1,059 police officers were needed to deal with a total "gate" of 128,734. Most were working on their rest day or extra hours.

The cost was £13,451 for men outside the grounds and £5,188 for officers inside. The clubs were charged £3,870.

The committee decided not to increase charges, which range from £3.20 an hour for a constable to £4.88 for a chief inspector.

Men sentenced for damage in graveyard

Four young men who left a trail of destruction in a churchyard were sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court, Buckinghamshire, yesterday, for causing nearly £2,000 of damage to headstone crosses and gravestones at Wing, one night last month.

Phillip Cook, aged 21, of Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard, was jailed for a total of 12 months; and Peter Bryant, aged 21, of Evelyn Close, Wing, and Peter Lovell, aged 22, of Wing Road, Linslade, who both admitted injuring a poodle, were each sent to prison for 13 months. James Carlino, aged 18, of Leighton Road, Wing, was sent to borstal.

Mr Nicholas Jarman, for the defence, said: "It is difficult to consider an indictment which contains sacrilege on this scale and the kicking to death of a dog, which could also arouse much more public disgust and contempt." The four defendants also admitted charges of arson and stealing a car.

Devolution delay not blamed on doubts

By Peter Scott

Government sources attribute delays in the timetable for pro-devolution to a desire by pro-devolution ministers for the fullest possible consultation rather than to the doubts of anti-devolution ministers about the enterprise. Details of the proposals will be published in a White Paper today.

The original suggestion to delay the passage of the devolution Bill until the beginning of the new parliamentary session next autumn came from within the devolution unit, not from Cabinet ministers opposed to the principle of devolution.

Three or four months of intensive consultation will follow.

After that the Government's devolution timetable is flexible. A minister commented: "Spring may be a little late this year." At some time between March and early May a further debate on devolution is likely in the Commons. The Government will either introduce a Bill, in which case the debate will take place on the second reading and the Bill will not proceed further in this session, or it will introduce a consultative document in the form of a draft Bill which will then be debated by the Commons on a "take note" motion. At present the first course is more likely.

A Green Paper on the possibility of establishing some form of regional government in England is expected shortly. The original plan was that it should be published at the same time as the devolution White Paper, but difficulties in the Department of the Environment have prevented that. Contrary to the common assumption, it is likely to propose a division of England into about 12 regions rather than a system of government based on the eight existing economic planning regions.

Councillors accused after South Wales inquiry

From Trevor Fishlock
Bridgend

After a two-year investigation by South Wales police into aspects of the planning affairs of the former Glamorgan County Council summonses were served yesterday on 12 people, alleging conspiracy or bribery and corruption. Summonses were served also on four county councillors, alleging criminal deception.

The 12 include property developers and businessmen with addresses in England as well as in Wales; a magistrate, and Ernest Westwood, aged 51, chairman of Mid Glamorgan Planning Committee and former chariman of the planning committee of the old Glamorgan County Council. His daughter is among the 12. The summonses are returnable at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on December 22.

A police officer said yesterday that the summonses related to offences of conspiracy contrary to common law, or bribery and corruption contrary to section I of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act, 1889. The recipients are:

Ernest John Westwood, a county councillor, of Cymmer, Porth, Mid Glamorgan; William Stuart Evans, of Pembroke Court, Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan; Henry Pearlberg, a property developer, of Tonguin Avenue, Hove, Sussex; Cornelius Thomas O'Brien, a developer, of Bucklers Hard, Hampshire; Richard David Tobias, of Rodney Slope, Finchley, London; Mrs Carol Evans, formerly Westwood, of Towyn Way, Tonteg, Mid Glamorgan.

Francis John Kinch, caravan park owner, of Whitminster, Gloucestershire; David Norman Jenkins, of Cowbridge, South Glamorgan; David Walter Parker, of Llanstephan, Dyfed; Graham Griffiths, an Afan district councillor, of Brombill Street, Port Talbot; Geoffrey Manton Day, of March Twill Lane, Swansea; and William Nicholas Jenkins, of Baglan, Port Talbot.

Summonses relating to specimen offences of criminal deception contrary to section 15 of the Theft Act, 1968, had been served on four county councillors:

Oliver Emanuel James, of Cwmnant Fields, Cwmbran, Gwent; Brinley Richards, of Heol y Celyn, Cae, Cwmllynfell, Swansea; Gwyn Phillips, of Church Lane, Neath, Mid Glamorgan; and Thomas David John, of Cwmglais Farm, Cwmavon, Port Talbot.

Terror attack victims received £251,699

A total of £251,699 has been paid in compensation since January 1, 1972, to victims of terrorist attacks, the annual report of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board said yesterday. The board has received applications in respect of 32 deaths and 478 cases of injury caused by bombs.

The report, which is for the year ended March 31, 1975, lists the attacks as including: Old Bailey, 108 applications, £44,843 paid; Tower of London, 28 applications, £33,025 paid; Birmingham, 149 applications, £59,123 paid; Woolwich, 26 applications, £9,114 paid; Guildford, 52 applications, £13,455 paid. Some applications are still being processed and for some victims they have not been received.

Generally, the report adds, the number of applications in the year seems lower than might be expected in spite of efforts to tell people about the scheme. The number of applications resolved was 12,506, against 10,564 in 1973-74.

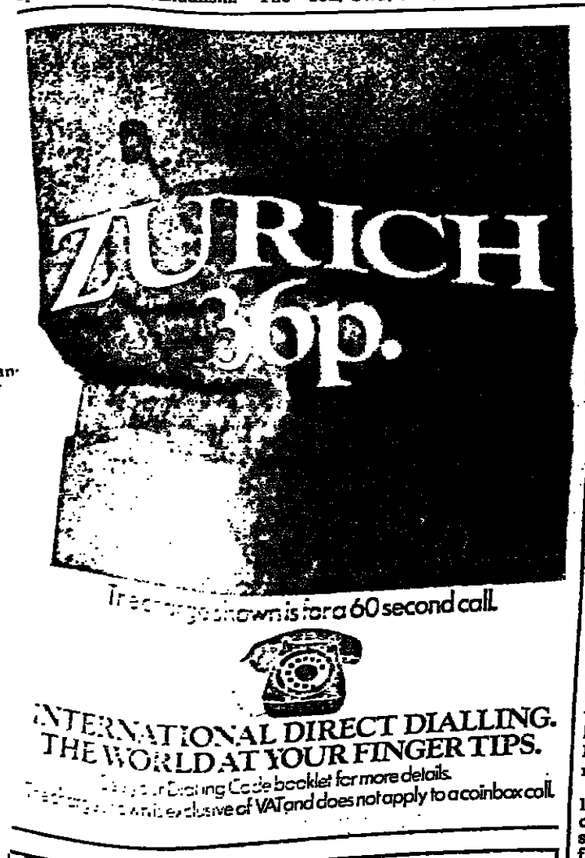
Compensation of £5,145,851 was awarded to victims of violent crimes during 1974-75, against £4,077,125 the previous year. Compensation paid in the past 11 years now totals more than £24m.

The criminal courts in England and Wales, it is added, continue to increase their use of the power to order offenders to pay compensation to their victims. During the year 221 compensation orders were made by courts in favour of victims who were also applicants to the board.

The total value of those compensation orders was £11,784, of which £9,487 was received by the court and paid over, either to the applicants or to the board direct. A further £767 was repaid by the applicants who recovered damages from their assailants.

The board's new part-time chairman is Mr Michael Ogden, QC, Sir Walker Carter, QC, who signed the report, has recently retired, having served as chairman since the board was created in 1964.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Eleventh Report—Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1975 (Command 6291, Stationery Office, 45p).



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Licensing plan for estate agents to protect buyers

By Our Estates Correspondent

[illegible] developers' selling [illegible] homes directly [illegible] were announced yesterday by Mr Williams, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, in a parliamentary written answer.

He said the proposed system of licensing would be based on that for consumer credit licences under the Consumer Credit Act, 1974, and administered by the Director General of Fair Trading, at present Mr John Methven.

Licences would be issued only to those able to satisfy the director general of their fitness and their agreement to comply with rules designed to protect house buyers' deposits from loss through fraud or bankruptcy.

The full proposals are published by the department in a consultative document. It says some legal backing is required for voluntary measures being taken by professional organizations and to ensure that the [illegible] rules are observed by [illegible] for protecting deposits. Deposits might be lodged with estate agents to be held in a client's account similar to those held by solicitors, and declared trust accounts. Otherwise estate agents might be required to contribute to a trust fund to indemnify consumers.

A compensation fund to cover loss of deposits through fraud or bankruptcy, or from bankruptcy alone would be financed by a licence fee or a form of levy on all estate agents. It might be assessed as a proportion of turnover, and payment would be a condition of obtaining a licence. The fund would be administered as a trust.

Breaches of the licence conditions could lead to revocation or suspension.

Comments, before January 31 next, may be made to the Fair Trading Division, Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, Room 635A, Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

Boy aged 17 was killed by bomb he made

From Our Correspondent
Swindon

[illegible] Harvey, aged 17, died [illegible] Wiltshire, was told yesterday.

Det Sergeant John Raisey said the youth and two friends, Paul Emmett and Ian Start, both aged 16, had exploded the bomb in a field at Highworth. It was made from weedkiller mixed with sugar and placed in a metal tube eight inches long.

The fuse trail included a chemical mixture. "It was at least the third device the boys had manufactured and exploded", he said.

Dr Robert Martlew, a pathologist, told the inquest at Swindon that Harvey, of Yew Tree Farm, South Marston, died from asphyxia shortly after the explosion.

The coroner said the explosion was the main cause of death. The verdict was misadventure.

Navy keeping watch on wreck of Soviet ship

By a Staff Reporter

Despite a clear message that no help was wanted the Royal Navy kept a close watch yesterday on the wreck of the [illegible] been in collision the previous evening with a new Moroccan cargo ship in the Channel, 21 miles off the Isle of Wight.

The first ship sent to search for survivors was the guided missile destroyer London. Captain Peter Nicholl found seven or eight Soviet trawlers round the wreck of the Gorizont, the bows of which projected about 50 ft above the water.

Bembridge coastguards said they understood that 12 men had been taken off the Gorizont by the trawlers, two of them injured. Later seven men were believed to have been put back on the ship for a time before it was finally abandoned.

The first news of the accident came in an SOS message in Russian at 7.48 pm on Tuesday. Offers of help from the Bembridge coastguard were politely rejected. HMS London was warned off by the Soviet trawlers which had rushed to the scene, but stood by all night to warn shipping of the hazard. [illegible] took over [illegible] spot was [illegible] morning, when the

The Moroccan ship involved in the collision was the 6,700-ton Ifni, which was holed but was able to proceed slowly to Le Havre for repairs. An oil slick at the scene of the collision was found to consist of light fuel oil, which is non-pollutant and no threat to the British coastline.

The Gorizont is listed in *Jane's Fighting Ships* as a merchantile cadet training ship used to train officers for the Soviet navy. She is thought to have been serving as a fishing factory ship.

Last night she was reported to be sinking gradually into 28 to 30 fathoms of water (about 350ft). Any decision about salvage rests with the owners of the wreck.

Two men cleared of corruption

A building company [illegible] utive and a local coun[illegible] who had both been jailed 12 months on corr[illegible] charges were cleared [illegible] yesterday.

Cyril Albert Rance, age[illegible] of Walsham Close, Fel[illegible] Sussex, former managing [illegible] tor of Carlton Contracts [illegible] subsidiary of the Tra[illegible] House Group, had been [illegible] victed at Newcastle upon [illegible] Crown Court on May 2[illegible] corruptly giving an £800 b[illegible]

Francis McKenna, aged [illegible] councillor at Chester-le-St[illegible] co Durham, of Durham P[illegible] Barley Mow, Birtley, Tyne [illegible] Wear was convicted of acc[illegible] ing the bribe.

The Court of Ap[illegible] quashed the convictions [illegible] set aside the sentences. L[illegible] Widgery, Lord Chief Jus[illegible] sitting with Lord Justice Ja[illegible] and Mr Justice Bristow, [illegible] that the directions given to [illegible] jury by Mr Justice Mais [illegible] evidence alleged to have [illegible] ported the prosecution's [illegible] were inadequate and "dri[illegible] away from the point". [illegible] convictions could not be [illegible] held.

The court rejected a fur[illegible] move by Mr Rance to [illegible] lenge his conviction at [illegible] castle upon Tyne Crown [illegible] on June 17 of corruptly offer[illegible] a £600 bribe to a Gates[illegible] councillor. Mr Rance did [illegible] appeal against his nine-mo[illegible] jail sentence for that offence.

The councillor, Thom[illegible] Gerard Herron, aged 51, [illegible] Kingsway, Gateshead, Tyne [illegible] Wear was also refused le[illegible] to appeal against his 12-mo[illegible] jail sentence for accepting [illegible] bribe.

Blocked trade union Bill reintroduced in Commons

By Our Political Staff

The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, which was effectively blocked by the Lords in the last session of Parliament by their insistence on amendments to safeguard press freedom, was introduced again in the House of Commons yesterday and had a formal first reading.

The text should soon be available. It is expected that the Bill will be the same as that introduced by the Government in the last session, with the addition of amendments that were agreed between the two Houses.

The clause containing proposals for a press freedom charter, moved by Lord Goodman and carried by the Lords, was not agreed and therefore will not be in the Bill. However, Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, has said that the Liberal MPs will try to get the Goodman amendment inserted by the Commons.

The Bill is designed to repeal the Industrial Relations Act, 1971, while retaining its unfair dismissal provisions. The sections of the Act that the Government seeks to amend provide safeguards against unreasonable exclusion or expulsion from a union, the right to terminate membership of a union, the rules of trade unions and employers' associations, inducement of breach of contract, and dismissals in a closed shop.

The Government intends to move amendments that will provide for a press charter as proposed by Labour MPs of the Manifesto group.

The Lords will have the opportunity to accept amendments suggested by the Commons. If they reject them the will of the Commons will prevail under the Parliament Acts of 1911 and 1949 and the Bill will receive Royal Assent in the form agreed by the Commons.



Remains of two houses in Park Street, Congleton, Cheshire, after an explosion yesterday. An elderly widow died and another was seriously hurt. About 50 people left the area while gas officials investigated.

Rapist jailed for 10 years

Peter Jones, aged 26, who was said to have broken into a house in Cheshire and raped a woman aged 30, after her husband had left for work, was jailed at Manchester Crown Court yesterday for 10 years.

He was told by Judge S. William Morris: "It is a dreadful thing that in these days a woman cannot lie in her own bed without the fear that some person like yourself will break in and attack her. This is one of the worst rapes I have ever listened to. You are extremely glib, cunning, and a menace to society."

Three years for harming baby

Richard Oakes, aged 29, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to three years' imprisonment for inflicting grievous bodily harm on his son, aged four weeks.

Mr Oakes, a trainee fish frier, who lived with his family at a council centre for the homeless in Burghley Road, Kentish Town, London, said the child struck a wall when he threw him on a bed because he would not stop crying.

Poison alert still on

Hundreds of homes at Oundle, Northamptonshire, were still without water yesterday, four days after a cyanide alert in the Nene. Scientists were not satisfied that the poison, from a factory, had dispersed.

Battle of priorities in providing aid for single homeless

By Penny Symon

Voluntary agencies working to help single homeless people say they may soon be forced to cease operations because of government policy.

Crisis at Christmas, in its report *Out in the Cold*, published yesterday, estimates that there are more than 100,000 single homeless people in Britain, more than at any time in the history of the welfare state. Some find accommodation in hostels or night shelters, or are squatters, but at least 10,000 of them are sleeping rough in London. The combined effects of economic recession and inflation have severely restricted the ability of the voluntary agencies to cope with the situation, and 1975 was their worst year.

The Salvation Army has had to close hostels in Bath and Liverpool, and the Cyrenians their house in Tunbridge Wells. The report says that while the Government accepts that all charities will suffer a loss in income it acknowledges that agencies dealing directly with the poorest members of society will at the same time experience a rapidly increasing demand for their services. But the expressions of sympathy are not backed up by any government aid.

"Without financial assistance now, the alternative may well be a complete cessation of operations in the spring", the report says. "The first and most obvious way to respond to the developing crisis of the single homeless is to campaign for a fresh Government policy in grant aid for charities whose clients are in the very bottom strata of society.

"Such a policy is not only justifiable on grounds of humanity, but is also cheaper than the alternatives: hospitalization, imprisonment, reception centres, etc, the report adds.

The voluntary agencies, it says, are best equipped to handle the crisis, because they are more flexible than statutory ones, but they must be given the opportunity to use their skills.

"While the agencies recognize that real progress can only be made by great efforts in preventive and rehabilitative areas of voluntary aid, they are hamstrung by lack of money because they have not experienced an increase in income to counter the effects of inflation and greatly increased running costs. Cash shortages make expansionary plans look ludicrously optimistic for most agencies; but at the same time these plans are the only possible humane response to an increasingly desperate problem.

"It is a cruel battle of priorities which will ultimately only be determined by the attitude of the Government or the independent donor."

Launching the report in London, Mr Nicholas Scott, Conservative MP for Kensington and Chelsea, and one of the trustees of Crisis at Christmas, appealed to the public not to push the single homeless down on their list of charitable priorities.

Mr Scott is to campaign with Mr John Pardoe, Liberal MP for Cornwall, North, who is also a trustee, for more Government aid.

Latest appointments

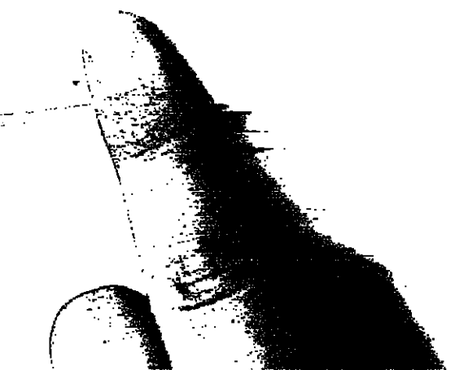
Mr Percy Cradock to be British Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic in succession to Mr H. E. C. Keeble, who will succeed Sir Donald Tebbit as Deputy Under-Secretary in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in charge of administration.

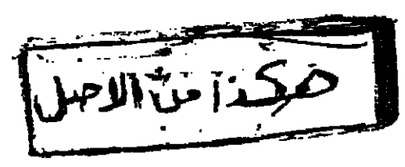
Mr J. Watkinson, MP for Gloucestershire, West, a barrister, to be the second parliamentary private secretary to the Home Office.

Lord Grey of Naunton to be Bailiff of Egle of the Order of St John

Mr Martin Marriott, of Haileybury, to be Headmaster of Canford School in succession to Mr D. Wallace who will retire at the end of the summer term.

Mr John Gray to be president of the National Union of Teachers for the year beginning Easter, 1977, and Mr Dewi Bonner for 1978.





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Fall in roll of pupils at primary schools

By a Staff Reporter

The number of children in primary schools fell last year for the first time for 12 years, according to statistics for England and Wales published today by the Department of Education and Science.

The number of full-time pupils in maintained primary schools in 1974 declined to 4,971,994 from 5,066,624 in the previous year, reducing the number almost to the level of 1971. However, if middle schools deemed to be primary are included, the decline is much less, about 2,000 children.

That is the first time since 1962 that the total primary school population has fallen but is balanced by a big increase the number of children below hool age in nursery and imary schools. The number of o to four-year-olds in mainined nursery and primary hools, both full-time and part-me, increased by more than ,000.

The number of children in all pes of school, however, conued to increase. In 1974 there re more than 9,500,000 childn in all schools, 370,000 more an in the previous year. How-er, 250,000 extra pupils can accounted for by the raising the school-leaving age.

The number of teachers also ntinued to increase, from 5,000 to 477,000, the largest e in a single year for more an thirty years. That signi-antly improved the pupil-acher ratio in primary schools, ere it fell from 25.5 to 24.9. secondary schools, although pil numbers rose, the ratio creased only from 17.0 to 17.3, d the proportion of oversize sses with more than 30 pils fell from 18.9 to 18.0.

The trend in children staying at school has been complied in the statistics by the sing of the leaving age to 16 1973-74. Valid comparisons h previous years therefore only possible in the case of and 18-year-olds, where there no improvement over the vious year in the proportion pupils staying on, and in the of 17-year-olds there was n a small reduction.

he figures also reveal the gress of comprehensive reanization of secondary edu-on. The number of compre-sive schools in 1974 stood 2,273, compared with 1,835 year before. The number of ils in comprehensive schools 2,136,958, compared with 0,406 in 1973. That means the percentage of secondary dren in comprehensive ols increased from 50.7 to between 1973 and 1974.

istics of Education, Vol 1. ols (Stationery Office, £3.75).

Free fuel allowance for needy families urged

By Roger Vielvoye

Between 2 and 4 per cent of households may be unable to pay their fuel bills this winter and may be involved in what Mr Michael Young, chairman of the National Consumer Council, described yesterday as a consumers' strike.

Allowances of free fuel to provide needy families with a minimum supply of heat, light and power were suggested by Mr Young at a House of Commons select committee on nationalized industry tariffs.

"The cost of fuel, especially electricity, has risen sharply, and the full effects have not hit the consumer yet", he said. "The coming winter's fuel bills will undoubtedly astound many people and have far worse consequences for some."

Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, told the committee that phasing out of subsidies to nationalized industries should be almost complete by the end of the year, but Mr Young said it seemed harsh to end these subsidies when costs had risen so much.

Mr Young said high fuel costs were here to stay but the unprecedented increases, against a background of general inflation, high unemployment and falling living standards would present an acute difficulty. The fuel allowance should be "generous this year, less so next, considerably smaller two years hence and phased out altogether after that".

The consumer council suggested an allowance of 1,500 units of electricity for all-electric families; 150 therms for those heating and cooking by gas; and 750 units of electricity and 75 therms of gas for mixed fuel users.

Applications for a fuel allowance would have to be made to the Supplementary Benefits Commission. The consumer council hoped to have a scheme operating in time for this winter's bills.

Southern Ireland has a free fuel allowance scheme for seventy thousand pensioners.

Mr Young also said the time between a final demand and disconnexion seemed very short and should be extended to allow time to organize help for those in need.

A monitoring scheme to discover whether people entitled to help obtained it was also suggested. A letter should be enclosed with the final demand describing the circumstances in which people might get help with their fuel bill. Once a person had approached the relevant fuel consumer council and it was established that he had a good case the fuel authorities would suspend action until the matter was resolved.

The plan was not to supplant the existing liaison procedures but rather to check how they worked and to see how many people fell through the net.

The consumer council is also in favour of inverting tariffs so that small consumers pay less; the continuation of half-price electricity for longer than planned; alternatives to the quarterly fuel adjustment in electricity tariffs; and the priority development of self-cancelling tokens instead of coins for prepayment meters.

Emphasis on comfort in London bus for 1980s

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

London Transport's prototype double-deck bus for the 1980s was demonstrated yesterday. It has doors controlled by the driver as standard fittings, although they add greatly to the cost of the bus and market research shows a strong preference on the part of passengers for the open-platform type.

London Transport says doors controlled by drivers are essential for one-man buses, and have greatly reduced boarding accidents. The loss of passenger freedom and convenience is accepted as the price of greater safety.

In most respects British Leyland's new B15 bus is likely to win the approval of passengers. The engine is in a sound-proofed compartment at the back, so noise has been sharply reduced. The floor has been lowered by seven inches, making it easier for the elderly and infirm to step on board, and giving tall people more head room.

A new suspension system gives a very smooth ride, and hydraulic brakes, power-assisted steering, an aluminium body and automatic gears make it a de luxe affair, which indeed it ought to be at about £25,000 a vehicle, 10 to 15 per cent more than today's standard bus.

Prototypes will start intensive testing in various cities soon; if all goes well they will start entering service in London in about two years.

Demand for power to scrap rail board

By Our Transport Correspondent

The Minister for Transport should be empowered to dissolve the British Railways Board and take over the running of the railways if the board continues to fail to meet its target, a book published today proposes. The railway deficit is about £500m a year.

Abolition of the board would end "the present deplorable situation in which it devotes its best efforts to extracting money from the Government, and is prepared if necessary to mislead the Civil Service", the authors, Mr Richard Pryke and Mr John Dodgson, Liverpool University economists, argue.

Although the book indicts the regime at British Rail it is not entirely pessimistic about the railways' future. Given more selective and economical investment and above all big savings in manpower and improvements in productivity, British Rail could be commercially viable by 1981 without drastic surgery to the system, the authors calculate.

The main requirement is a 36 per cent reduction in staff from about 249,000 to 150,000, including a reduction of over 20,000 or 60 per cent in train crews. The book says drivers spend less than half their time driving, and secondmen are "almost completely unnecessary".

The authors say a fundamental cause of British Rail's demoralization is the board's failure to fulfil the requirements of the 1968 Transport Act. The Act, instead of being the spur to greater effort its authors intended, was seen by the board as providing a holiday from financial discipline.

That, the book says, explains, "the board's past failure to reduce its labour force as much as had been planned, and its present unwillingness to plan those savings in manpower that stare it in the face".

Bus crews strike over 'bashing'

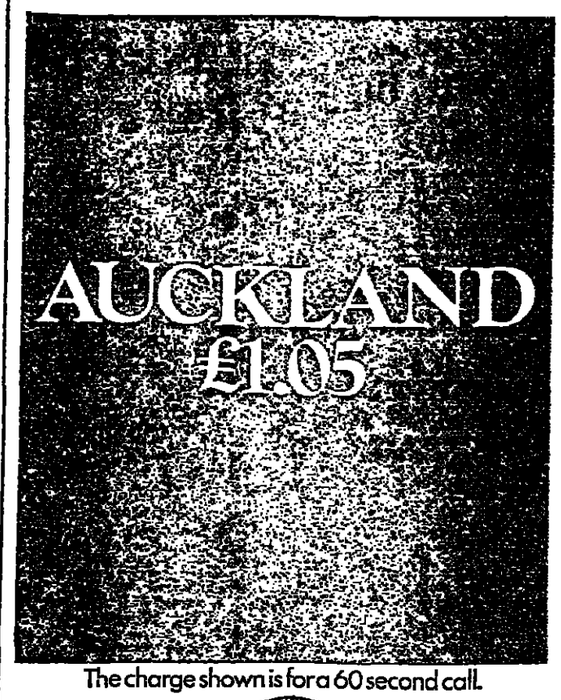
Bus crews in north Staffordshire and south Cheshire with the Potteries Motor Traction Company are to strike on Saturday in protest against recent assaults on buses.

A representative of the workers, who belong to the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "We regret the inconvenience to the public but we have decided we have had enough. The bashings have to stop."

Airlift starts big Nato exercise

Aircraft carrying troops from four Nato countries landed at RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire, yesterday at a rate of one every 20 minutes.

The landings were the start of an operation involving about 4,000 troops from the United States, Belgium, Germany and Italy who are to assemble on Salisbury Plain for a confrontation next week with the "enemy", who will be mainly British.



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Driver cleared in urine sample case

Alan Stuart Hutcheson, aged 43, a business consultant and former racing driver, of Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, was acquitted by the direction of Judge Dewar at Middlesex Crown Court yesterday of attempting to pervert the course of justice by tampering with a urine sample.

Mr Alan Green, for the prosecution, said the allegation was that a sample sent on behalf of the defendant to be analyzed had probably had water added.

Mr William MacPherson, QC, for the defence, said that before reaching the analyst the sample had been with many people. The judge accepted his contention that the mere tampering with the sample was no more than a preparatory act to the commission of the alleged offence.

Mr Hutcheson was remanded in custody until today for sentence on charges of causing death by dangerous driving and [illegible] by alcohol.

Mr du Cann unopposed s 1922 chairman

Our Political Correspondent
Mr Edward du Cann, aged 51, for Taunton and a former irman of the Conservative ty, was reelected, unopposed, irman of the backbench 1922 mmittee yesterday. He has d the position since 1972.

When nominations for the nual election of officers sed at noon Mr du Cann was challenged, although there been suggestions two weeks that a senior backbencher ght be persuaded to stand ainst him.

Mr Francis Pym, MP for mbridgeshire and a former ief whip, had been proached, but he announced November 17 that he would t challenge Mr du Cann.

The retiring honorary treaurer, Mr Godman Irvine, and e two honorary secretaries, Mr Philip Goodhart and Mr John Osborn, were reelected unopposed.

A right-winger, Mr John Biffen, MP for Oswestry, a member of the executive, is to compete for one of the two vice-chairmanships. The present holders are Sir John Hall and Mr Charles Morrison.

Present members of the executive standing again are Mr Baker, Mr Biffen, Sir Bernard Braine, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr Carlisle, Mr Clegg, Sir Nigel Fisher, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr Hordern, Mr Marten, Mr P. W. Rees and Mr Walder. The other nominees are Mr Adley, Mr Crouch, Mr Gardner, Dr Glyn, Mr James, Mr Lane, Mr Mayhew and Mr Morrison.

The ballot will be taken today.

Man has three years added o sentence

Thomas O'Neil, aged 20, who ppealed at the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh esterday against his two-year entence for armed robbery, had three years added to the sentence. Lord Emslie, Lord Justice-General, said two years was grossly inadequate for the offence, so they proposed to take the exceptional step of raising it.

The judge, sitting with Lord Johnston and Lord Avonside, added: "The crime of armed robbery will not be treated lightly in any court in this country; and I hope that note will be taken by all those who have a mind to engage in that particular crime that the sentence they can expect to receive will be severe."

Mr O'Neil was convicted of holding up a railway booking office at Carluke at knifepoint and stealing £35. He wore a mask during the raid. He was sentenced at Lanark Sheriff Court to two years in a young offenders' institution.

He was asked by Lord Emslie whether he had had any legal advice about the powers of the court. Mr O'Neil replied: "Only what I heard from inmates." He said he was aware that that court had power to increase a sentence.

Lord Emslie said: "And in spite of that you insisted on this application?" Mr O'Neil replied "Yes".

Explosives acquittal

No evidence for the prosecution was offered yesterday when Kevin Christopher Daniels, aged 18, of Worple Road, Wimbledon, was charged at Guildhall Justice Room with illegally possessing explosives. He was discharged.

Menuhin tribute planned in concert series

By Our Arts Reporter

Mr Ian Hunter, joint organizer with Mr Victor Hochhauser of next year's International Celebrity Series of 21 concerts and recitals, said yesterday that they ranked with any series put on in any capital city, "and without a penny of subsidy in public money".

The series, which will cost £150,000 to present, will include two concerts to mark the sixtieth birthday of Yehudi Menuhin, performances by the Vienna Philharmonic, Boston Symphony and New York Philharmonic orchestras, and appearances by Claudio Arrau, Daniel Barenboim, Menuhin himself and his son, Jeremy, Sviatoslav Richter, Rostropovich, Isaac Stern and Rozhdestvensky.

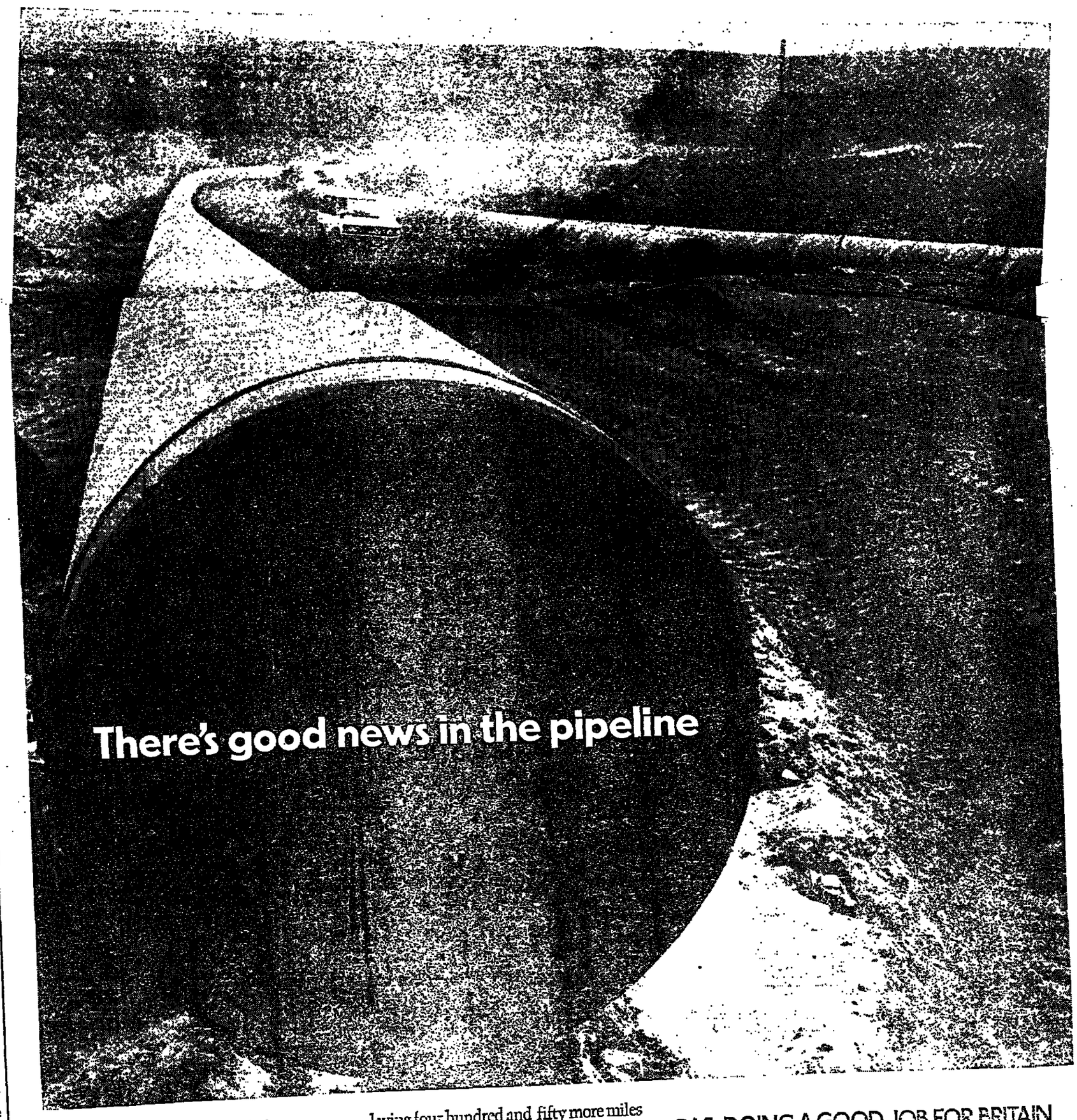
Barenboim will give a complete cycle of all the Beethoven piano concertos on two successive nights, and Pinchas Zuckerman will play and direct the English Chamber Orchestra in a programme of all six Bach Brandenburg Concertos on a single evening.

The same orchestra will take part in a concert with Isaac Stern on February 22, when he will perform three violin concertos, two by Bach and one by Mozart.

Sixteen of the concerts take place in the Albert Hall, the rest in the Festival Hall.

Other overseas visitors will be the Boston Pops Orchestra with Arthur Fiedler, Murray Perahia, Miriam Fried, Ida Haendel and the conductors Alexander Schneider and George Singer.

Britain's representatives include Clifford Curzon, John Lill, Colin Davis, Sir Charles Groves, Neville Marriner, and four orchestras, the English Chamber, London Philharmonic, New Philharmonia, and Royal Philharmonic.



Gas is good news for Britain.

It already supplies about 30 per cent of the nation's useful heat. By 1980 this is likely to rise to as much as 40 per cent.

British Gas has worked hard–and successfully–to secure additional supplies of natural gas to meet the growing demand.

For instance, all the gas from both the British and Norwegian parts of the Frigg field will be brought home for Britain's benefit.

And we're going full speed ahead laying four hundred and fifty more miles of high pressure pipeline to bring it to our customers as soon as it comes ashore.

Meanwhile, gas from the Rough field is now in the pipeline and will soon be adding an extra 100,000,000 cubic feet a day to our energy supplies. This is just the latest step in the programme of bringing Britain's gas to you.

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Elections to Europe a duty to be fulfilled

House of Commons

In reply to several questions about direct elections to the European Parliament,

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab), said: The Government are still studying when such elections may be introduced and what form they might take. We have not yet taken up a position on these matters.

MR MOATE (Faversham, C)—Can Mr Hattersley confirm that it is a binding treaty obligation that elections should be held throughout the Community in accordance with a uniform procedure. If so, will he recommend our own well-tried election system. (Liberal protests.)

MR HATTERSLEY—It is a binding commitment under article 138 of the Treaty of Rome—(some Labour cries of "No")—that there shall be direct elections to the Assembly. Questions about their nature must be determined in the Community and the Council by unanimous agreement. It is to those questions that the Government are turning their mind.

MR RUSSEL JOHNSTON (Inverness, L)—How many in his department are studying the appropriate size of the Parliament following direct election, for example, whether it should be on the Parijn report basis, and what should be the common electoral system? The good Lord forbid that it should be what Mr Moate recommended.

MR HATTERSLEY—I cannot, without notice, give the number of members of the Diplomatic Service engaged in the task, but it is exercising a good deal of the time of the Foreign Secretary and me and perhaps, since it is a political matter, that is slightly more important than the number of civil servants engaged.

MR WELLBELOVED (Bexley, Erith and Crayford, Lab)—While the day will come when we shall have direct elections, 1978 is an unrealistic date for it, in view of the enormous electoral problems and the absence of any desire by the British people to move speedily towards direct elections.

MR HATTERSLEY—I said recently that anyone who believed that we could go through the process necessary to implement the decisions by 1978 was extremely optimistic. I have no reason to change that view.

MR DYKES (Harrow, East, C)—That is a negative view. Now is the time to start preparation. There is every indication that other member states will wish to move speedily to the first direct elections. The remaining Danish objections have been removed and the first direct elections could take place well in advance of the development of further powers for the European Parliament.

Will he give a pledge on behalf of the Government that they will not try to go slower than the general pace of the Community on the matter.

MR HATTERSLEY—I can pledge that we shall not put artificial barriers in the way of moving along that road. What I am saying is that there is nothing in the Treaty of Rome which puts us under a legal obligation to proceed to direct elections. Article 138 requires the Assembly to produce proposals and the Council to make recommendations. It is not a legal obligation on the member states.

MR HATTERSLEY—I can only disagree with Mr Jay's interpretation of the Treaty. I believe that this is our obligation, and an obligation we have a duty to fulfil.

MR MAUDLING, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C)—Is it the Government's desire that these direct elections should take place as soon as possible or as late as possible?

MR HATTERSLEY—The desire is that they should take place as soon as sensibly possible. That involves a great deal of consultation and preparation. Mr Maudling is far too pragmatic to argue with that judgment.

An invitation to Iceland to talk again

Asked for a statement on further discussions with the Icelandic Government over fisheries limits,

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab), said: The British Government are ready to continue discussions with the Icelandic Government with a view to reaching a negotiated settlement whenever and wherever the Government of Iceland is prepared to enter into such talks.

MR WALL (Haltemprice, C)—It is clear that the action taken by the British Government is purely defensive and caused by the aggression of armed gunboats against unarmed trawlers. It is unlikely that there will be a chance of resuming discussion until the Law of the Sea Conference reports early next year.

MR HATTERSLEY—Everything the British Government have done has been intended to do no more and no less than to defend our proper interests, international obligations, and opportunities of our trawling fleet to continue their livelihoods. Any acts of provocation or lawlessness have not come from the British Government.

I hope he is wrong in saying there will be no opportunity to reopen discussions before the Law of the Sea Conference. I hope the Icelandic Government will realize that sooner or later we have to talk and since we are specific in our willingness to make concessions they should understand that an agreement consistent with their interests is still possible.

I take this opportunity to invite them to talk again, an opportunity I shall take up any time that it is open to me to do so.

We are prepared (the added letter) to use and enjoy the good offices of any friendly power or organization which can persuade the Icelandic Government to negotiate with us. But in terms of EEC intervention, some of these matters are proper for us and not for the U.K. I suggest he does not want the EEC to extend its competence to an area which is proper for Great Britain and this Government.

Post for Lady White

MR JOHN MORRIS, Secretary of State for Wales, in a written reply, said: I am pleased to say that Lady White has accepted my invitation to become chairman of the Welsh Authority for Rural ...

MP says TV company broke rules by using House tapes for play

MR WELLBELOVED (Bexley, Erith and Crayford, Lab), on a point of order, referred to the Thames Television programme the previous evening called *The Nearly Man*, which, he said, was light entertainment. During it an extract from a debate during the experimental broadcasting of the proceedings of Parliament was used. The proceedings were those on June 10, and the actual words of the Prime Minister (Mr Wilson) used in the programme were: "He knows that not a scintilla of new policy emerged from the Opposition Front Bench on that occasion". The voice of the Speaker (Mr Selwyn Lloyd) was also heard calling on an MP to put a further supplementary question.

There had been a clear breach of the rules laid down by the House in respect of the broadcast of proceedings. It had clearly been used outside the period of the experiment for broadcasting the proceedings of the House and used contrary to the requirement that the one recorded sound track should only be available at the express wish of the House on any future occasion.

The rules were accepted both by the BBC and the IBA and in this case it would appear that the IBA were seen to be in breach of the rule.

The very spirit of the understanding between the broadcasting authorities and the broadcasting subcommittee of the Select Committee on the experiment had been breached. During the proceedings of the sub-committee, witnesses from the BBC and the IBA were asked under what circumstances they would use the extracts of proceedings and they said that material would be used in news, information and current affairs programmes and gave a specific undertaking that no extract from the proceedings would be used in light entertainment programmes.

The use of this extract (he said) illustrates the problems that would confront the House in relation to the sound broadcasting of our proceedings. If this irresponsible use of an extract was an illustration of the use to which material could be put, it can be clearly seen that it adds to the problems that confront Parliament in trying in good faith to reach agreement with the broadcasting authorities in the broadcasting of our proceedings.

He asked if the Speaker would consider this matter and perhaps draw it to the attention of the Select Committee and in particular its broadcasting sub-committee, in order that this regrettable incident might be investigated and consideration given to the problem of ensuring that writer-their rules were laid down should the House agree to the permanent broadcasting of the proceedings of Parliament.

MR WHITEHEAD (Derby, North, Lab) said it seemed that Granada Television had ignored the report of the Select Committee.

MR EDWARD SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab)—I did not see this. I will have the matter investigated and find some way of reporting back to the House.

The SPEAKER—It is a serious matter and I am grateful to Mr Wellbeloved for raising it. This is important.

Warning of grave dangers in Angola

MR ROBERT HUGHES (Aberdeen, North, Lab), during questions time exchanges on Rhodesia, said that the House and country expected the Government to accept the logic of the recent United Nations resolution that there could be no independence in Rhodesia until there is majority rule.

Despite the Government's reliance on the South African Government's intervention to try to get a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia (he said) will he not allow the South Africans to run riot in Angola and go forward with imperialist expansion there?

MR ENNALS, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs—If we were to say that no independence before majority rule is the only basis on would be inhibiting the discussions which are about to proceed. It could be that as a result of the negotiations there could be some transition phase. If that were acceptable to African opinion, it would be absurd that the Government should say it is not acceptable to us. In any case such a decision would finally have to come before the Commons.

As I look at the situation in Angola I deeply regret the presence of forces, arms and equipment which are pouring in from many other parts of the world. If we are to condemn foreign intervention, as I strongly do, we must condemn it all.

There is at present in Angola a grave danger that a tragic civil war will be turned into a war which can deeply divide the continent of Africa, in which we see great powers and smaller powers edging for power in Angola.

Lives saved and terrorists jailed as a result of anti-terrorism Act—Mr Jenkins

MR ROY JENKINS, the Home Secretary (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab), moving the second reading of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, said that the present Act would lapse on this present Act would lapse on Friday unless renewed and this was why he had laid the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) (Continuance) (No 2) Order 1975 on October 28. This continued the operation of the existing Act for four months beyond November 26.

He was asking the House to renew the existing Act by order for four months in addition to giving the Bill a second reading. The Bill a second reading would cease to have effect as soon as the new Bill became law.

Though the temporary powers represented a limited encroachment on individual freedom they must set against this the need to protect the public from the callous brutality of terrorists. The earlier practice of giving at least some warning had been abandoned. Bombs had been placed in several instances to cause maximum loss of life and designed to cause maximum casualties.

He had made 69 exclusion orders and the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey had made another three. Fifty-five people had been removed, 38 to Northern Ireland and 17 to the Republic. Using these orders had removed the most experienced Provisional and official IRA leaders, had disrupted these organizations and protected people, though not wholly.

The powers had involved the question of detention for up to seven days of some people against whom no further action was found justified. He did not like authorizing detentions because of suspicion, however short the period. The dilemma was whether to require the police to hold back and let a suspect enter and more freely about Great Britain, which would involve unacceptable additional risks.

Right balance

They must recognize with appropriate concern the infringement of liberty which these powers represented, but the benefits must be set against that cost. A right balance must be struck. The information available to him strongly suggested that people had been convicted of major terrorist offences who but for the Act would not have been convicted, people had been excluded from Great Britain who but for the Act would be engaged in terrorism here, and some people were alive who but for the Act would be dead.

The advice he had received from the police and from his own advisers on the exclusion order procedure, buttressed by his own experience in operating the existing Act, did not suggest the need for many or major changes. The Act, although introduced and carried in haste, was based on careful contingency planning and had worked much as was intended.

The IRA, by their activities, had done more to discourage support from outside the country than any words he or others could command, and this had been a declining source of support for the IRA.

He had considered whether he should add to the list of proscribed organizations in the Bill. He would add organizations, of whatever complexity, if necessary, but he was satisfied that there were no other organizations on either side of the sectarian divide in Ireland currently engaged in violence directed against Great Britain.

Further proscriptions (he said) would therefore only be window dressing and I do not propose to do that, but should the position show any sign of beginning to change, I would not hesitate to make further proscription.

The objective of preventing public display of support for the IRA had been achieved. It would be an intolerable affront for all the people of this country if those provisions were relaxed.

Executive procedure

Some people had been uneasy about exclusion procedures but experience of the past year in operating that part of the Act had reinforced his view that it would be wrong to attempt to disguise in quasi-judicial dress what was inevitably an executive procedure.

The nature of the material involved in the preparation of an exclusion order case was not such that it could be divulged to the subject of the order in any way without grave risk that sources of information would dry up and that they would, as a result, be substantially more vulnerable to terrorist acts. For those reasons the review of a particular case must remain a closed procedure.

The safeguard was the adviser. He was independent and impartial. His job of the adviser was not to conduct a secret judicial hearing but to advise the Home Secretary whether within the terms of the Act and bearing in mind the nature of the threat, the advisor thought the Home Secretary was acting reasonably.

In 16 cases, persons had made representations objecting to an order and he had referred all of them to an adviser. In five he subsequently revoked the order and also revoked three cases on other grounds.

The time in which a person could make representations against an order would be increased from 48 hours to 96 from the time at which notice of the order was served.

An important change in the Bill provided that the main provisions should be in force initially for 12 months and that they might subsequently be renewed by order for periods of up to 12 months at a time. The corresponding period in the present Act was six months.

This was a temporary provisions Bill, but especially in the light of recent events it would be rash to forecast when Parliament might be able to allow it to lapse. The Bill gave Parliament a chance to consider in detail what form temporary provisions legislation of that sort should take. That was not possible last November. When that had been done and the Bill had completed its passage, he hoped that Parliament would feel that it was safe for those powers to be capable of renewal for up to 12 months at a time.

He would not hesitate to bring the powers to an end if conditions allowed. The Bill would be a useful contribution to preventing acts of terrorism. He did not claim it could by itself do more. No legislation could eliminate terrorism.

For them to fail to renew this Act would be amazing to the public and gravely hampering to those who worked in the front line of their defences.

Nor was there any other simple and speedy solution. He understood the strong feelings involved and the natural reaction to acts of brutal horribleness, but he remained convinced it was his duty, putting aside in present circumstances old prejudices and traditional attitudes, only to recommend measures which he believed after due consideration would reduce and not increase violence.

The police needed the support that the Government and Parliament could provide through the Bill. Even more than this: they needed and got, broadly speaking, the support of the British people. The need was for vigilance of the highest order from the public.

Our security (he said) is not just a matter for the police or the Government or the authorities but for each one of us to make his own contribution.

That contribution must be more than vigilance. In the coming months they would need steadiness and judgment. The object of the bombers was to panic the British people, if not into a change of policy regarding Northern Ireland, at least into an ill-judged response which would provide further opportunities for violence. They would be delighted if the Government introduced security measures of such an elaborate character the effect of which would be to tie up much of the life of the country and direct the resources of the security agencies into fruitless paperwork.

They would also welcome a backlash against the Irish community in Britain, the vast majority of whom condemned the outrages as strongly as MPs did. The terrorists' main present and increasing weakness in Britain was the lack of a community to give them aid and shelter. They must continue by their efforts to deny them such succour and satisfaction.

Before introducing these measures he had examined a wide range of possibilities. He would not hesitate to introduce any further measures which he believed would make a practical and significant contribution to defeating the terrorists.

It was his considered judgment that these measures provided the best balance. He commended them to the House, not as a panacea, not as a promise of bringing a speedy end to the outrages they were enduring, but as the right contribution the Government and the House could make to the efforts of the police and public as a whole to resist and overcome the evil of terrorism. (Cheers.)

Reality of war

MR GILMOUR, Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Chesham and Amersham, C), said the Opposition fully supported the Bill and the continuation of the order until the Bill was placed on the statute book. (Cheers.)

The reality of the war in Ireland had been brought to Britain's doorstep. The IRA bombings had demonstrated all too clearly to the British people that they could not contract out of what was happening in Northern Ireland, even if they wanted.

Putting it mildly, there had been no improvement in the situation since May which could possibly warrant letting the Act lapse, stripping the security forces of the powers they needed, and giving back to the IRA a freedom which they did not deserve.

The threat to a free society came from a collapse of confidence and an inability to enforce law and order and not from the handing out of a few additional powers to the security forces.

By no stretch of the imagination could the police and the armed forces be described as wielding arbitrary power. They were the defenders of the free institutions, not a threat to them. It was right they should be given the power they needed to protect freedom and democracy against the killers and wreckers and enemies of freedom.

Every citizen in the country might be in the frontline of the terrorists' attack. They could not afford for one moment to relax their guard or take down their defences in this time of crisis. One of those defences was the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The banning of the IRA had had the beneficial effect of reducing the visibility of various IRA groups.

The Government's policy was disturbing because of their apparent paralysis in Northern Ireland. They seemed paralyzed in their security policy and in the rest of their policy. The decision to do nothing about the convention report until the new year was almost an incitement to make things even worse than they were at present.

It had long been deeply regrettable that it was impossible for anyone to be extradited from the Republic for terrorist crimes committed outside. It was to be hoped that the Criminal Jurisdiction Act would soon have passed through the Dail.

The increase in bombing incidents had stretched the Metropolitan Police particularly to the utmost. They must make sure the police had enough resources, especially manpower, to do the job. To economize on the police force by keeping down their numbers would be inexcusably unwise.

The Home Secretary should introduce the compulsory marking of detonators and fuse wires so that could be traced when used in bombs. Such markings would help the police in the detection of the material used by the bombers.

He should go farther and treat explosive material in the same way as dangerous drugs were dealt with. Control on the use of explosives in Great Britain should be tightened up.

Capital punishment would do more harm than good and public opinion had certainly not been determined by recent events in Spain. But many Opposition MPs took an opposite view and were undoubtedly supported by a large part of public opinion.

Group to advise on practical issues of current cost accounting

MR SHORE, Secretary of State for Trade (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab), in a statement on the report of the committee on inflation accounting under the chairmanship of Mr Francis Sandilands, which was published on September 4, said: The main proposal of the committee is that the system of company accounts should be changed from an historic cost basis to a system known as current cost accounting (CCA), and that this should become mandatory for all listed and certain other companies for accounting periods beginning after December 24, 1977.

Having considered the report, and taken into account the views of the accountancy profession and others, the Government agree with the committee that company accounts should allow for the effects of inflation, and that existing accounting conventions do not do so adequately. There are, as the committee point out, a number of methods of adjusting for inflation, none of which, by itself, completely meets all the requirements of [illegible] set out in the report.

They accordingly endorse the recommendation that the detailed practical problems should be examined urgently with a view to current cost accounting becoming the future basis for company accounts.

I am pleased to be able to announce that the accountancy profession has agreed to set up a steering group, as recommended by the committee, to consider further the practical and other issues involved, with a view to the implementation of CCA in company accounts for all periods beginning after December 24, 1977, if this proves feasible. The steering group, which will be chaired by Mr Douglas Morpeth, will seek my guidance on any general issues arising and will keep me informed of progress. The Government will be prepared to make an appropriate contribution to the costs.

The Government will consider whether guidance is necessary, and in what form, on the amount available for distribution under the proposed accounting system. It is also necessary to consider further the desirability of showing the effects of inflation on the capital invested in the enterprise, having regard to the suggestion of the accountancy profession, and of continuing to provide historic cost figures, as a supplement to CCA figures, at least for a transitional period. I shall of course seek the views of the steering group on these questions.

The committee also make recommendations on taxation and price control which are independent from the main recommendations on company reporting. Those on taxation will need to be considered separately before the Government are in a position to give their views on them. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has however already accepted the principle of stock relief for the tax years ending in 1973 and 1974 and has stated his expectation of continuing it in some form.

With regard to price control, the changes proposed by the committee could in any case only take full effect when companies publish CCA accounts in some years time. While the committee's proposals will be taken into account in future reviews of price control there is no question of amending the present code now.

MR HIGGINS, Opposition spokesman on trade (Worthing, C)—With the present rate of inflation it is more important than ever to get the right solution to inflation accounting and implement it at the earliest possible moment.

We agree that the Sandilands proposals for current cost accounting would be preferable to historic costs or current purchasing [illegible] but he is aware of the difficulties on this point.

He refers to distribution and capital, but not to the treatment of monetary assets and liabilities. This is what has been the main centre of controversy. This is presumably a matter not to be treated by the steering committee. Could he tell us what his own views are on this and what scope there will be for debating it?

On taxation, we understand this is a matter for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but is it yet the Government's view that there will be the major review of taxation which Sandilands envisages?

No one is advocating having two sets of accounts both historic cost and inflation cost yet he seems to imply that could be a permanent arrangement. Will he publish the indices necessary for Sandilands to be used on an experimental basis and confirm that no legislation is necessary to make further progress?

MR SHORE—The controversy about how to treat monetary assets and liabilities is one which is raging not only in academic circles but more widely. This is a question which undoubtedly we shall have to give further consideration to and will be among the matters dealt with by the committee. We are aware of the nature of the controversy and that it raises a number of difficult and interesting points.

On taxation, it is not for me to be pressed on this. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will want to say more about that at a later stage. As for having two sets of accounts, on the whole it would be undesirable. For a substantial period of time it may be necessary during the transitional period to have a kind of continuity of figures for comparative purposes which people may wish to make in considering company accounts.

Yes, I will consider whether and when indices can be published. I cannot anticipate any great difficulty.

MR PARDOE (North Cornwall, L)—Does he accept that these recommendations, if implemented, will have a substantial effect on the profitability of the private sector of industry and does he regard the present level of profits of that sector as too high, too low, or about right?

Will the implementation of the Sandilands proposals require legislation or will there simply be a change in the conventions of the accountancy profession?

MR SHORE—We should not exaggerate the implications for the private sector of industry. What the Sandilands proposals would result in is a more accurate picture of the general performance of companies' economic performance taking account of the inevitable distortions in the measurement of inflation. The difficulties in establishing the new CCA method of accounting, but there may be a problem at the moment at which it becomes mandatory. These are questions we shall consider further if legislation is required and we shall choose the right thing to do as a result of the studies.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab)—If the CCA system is adopted it will mean the handing over of hundreds of millions of pounds to the private sector in lost tax revenue. The only way to ensure proper scrutiny is to extend public ownership to the crucial sectors of the economy, by ensuring that the books of the private sector are much more open to public scrutiny.

Has any calculation been made to show the effects on tax revenue of CCA if adopted?

MR SHORE—What the Sandilands report is about is a way of presenting the accounts of enterprises in a way which at least takes account of the impact of inflation in a way other systems of accounting have not done. To that extent I would have thought it was helpful and positive, provided the practical problems could be dealt with.

What Mr Cryer is concerned about is whether having established a different basis of accounting there will be a whole host of consequential changes affecting tax policy and so on. That is a matter which is entirely open and no assumptions should be made.

Tax policy has developed for some years not closely linked to direct profitability as reported in company accounts.

Differing views on death penalty for bombers

MR RICHARD MITCHELL (Southampton, Itchen, Lab) said the Home Secretary must ensure that whatever public expenditure was cut nothing was done to damage the efficiency of the police force, which was faced with an increasingly difficult task. Violence was on the increase from football hooligans and IRA terrorism. There were extremist forces at work who wanted to overthrow the country's democratic society.

MR HUGH FRASER (Stafford and Stone, C) said the measure was another mouse. Terrorism could be dealt with only by a general approach and a determination of Parliament to defeat it. (Cheers.) The absence of that will had been one of the things which disturbed the public. The authority of the state was being undermined by weak and foolish government.

There should be an announcement today that the Home Office and the Ulster Office would declare that people taken in acts of terrorism should not be released in any political amnesty and that the penalty was for life. (Conservative cheers.)

It was vital, too, that the Lord ... excluded from Britain could only be detained in Northern Ireland if it was suspected they were guilty of acts of violence there. People in Ireland felt that they had become a dumping ground. As a result of this Bill more people would be dumped over to Northern Ireland and yet the Government there could not take effective steps against such people.

Without harbouring, the terrorist system would break down and sentences should be more formidable. Thought should be given to those harbouring terrorists by inadvertence or culpable inadvertence. Hotels, for instance, should be responsible to some extent for what they did.

The terrible authority of the state could be restored in circumstances of terrorism, by the death penalty.

MR REES-DAVIES (Thanet, West, C) said consideration should be given to the introduction of identity cards and the treason law should be brought up to date to say that it should be treason for a man either to levy war or to perpetrate acts of terrorism against the Queen in her realm.

Where people were properly found guilty of being traitors to their country they should be executed. The House must prepare for the introduction of martial law in Ulster.

MR BATES (Bebington and Ellesmere Port, Lab) said there was no serious evidence to suggest that the death penalty would be a deterrent.

MR POWELL (South Down, UUUC) said the death penalty would not only not be a deterrent to terrorism but would be a stimulus. It would not be a deterrent to terrorism because the essence of the activity of terrorists was that they were prepared to risk their lives.

What could be more desirable ... any [illegible] ... for those ... crimes.

... [illegible] ... prepared to ... instead of the ... imprisonment, there was the glittering prize throughout the history of revolution in Ireland, of martyrdom?

MR BEITH (Berwick-on-Tweed, L) said that the tactics of the IRA over the next few months would be to cause the maximum amount of violence and disruption in order to influence the decisions of the House on Northern Ireland. Many such acts might be prevented, but MPs should show that they could not be intimidated.

MR WHITEHEAD (Derby, North, Lab) said he supported the retention of these powers for another year but with a heavy heart; after the hell the bombers had again begun their ghastly work. But this should not become a permanent part of legislation. There had been argument about building vengeance into legislation but by doing so one could not eliminate what the measure was intended to guard against.

MRS JILL KNIGHT (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said there was a strong groundswell of public opinion which demanded the restoration of the death penalty for terrorist bombings. MPs who had spoken against it were ignoring the expressed wish of the people.

The IRA bomber was not a kamikaze pilot but intended to live. The fear of death was a deterrent. The IRA used it highly successfully to ensure that their members kept in line.

MR ANDREW BENNETT (Stockport, North, Lab) said the police should be given the resources to do the job. If they wanted to do something dramatic [illegible] to track down terrorists and reducing the number of hours some policemen had to work. This would make the police far more effective.

DR GLYN (Windsor and Maidenhead, C) said a referendum would show a majority in favour of the death penalty for terrorism and the House would be foolish to decide that that body of opinion existed.

MR LITTERICK (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab) said that the House had failed in its supposed intention to suppress terrorism. It gave power to an unwilling police force to make political judgments about people. The Act was merely a gesture because it was felt that Parliament had to be seen to be doing something.

MR CRITCHLEY (Aldershot, C) said most MPs were opposed to the policy of scuttle, surrender and dishonour. A small number, mainly on the left, who would wash their hands were unwittingly encouraging the Provisionals in their campaign of atrocities. They were hazarding the lives of thousands in Ireland and in the United Kingdom.

MR CLEMITSON (Luton, East, Lab) said the reintroduction of the death penalty would be the answer to terrorists' ultimate victory.

MR AITKEN (Thanet, East, C) said the Bill was the necessary price that society had to pay in terms of the erosion of liberty to combat terrorism.

There was a need to have tighter self-denying ordinance on the reporting of matters concerning terrorism.

Warning on further defence spending cuts

House of Lords

LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS, Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, resuming the debate on the Queen's Speech, said that Britain would be claiming a seat in their own right at the Paris Conference in December on international economic affairs.

There were valid reasons for doing this: they were one of the chief consumers of oil and so on would be one of the biggest producers in the West. They were a major world market for raw materials and a leading donor of development aid. London was also one of the two biggest financial centres in the world.

A seat at the conference would ensure that British interests were properly represented and that the conference was a success. The scene of the conference was much wider than originally planned. It remained a fact that the EEC did not have policies on all the questions to be discussed so Britain would not be adequately represented by the Community at Paris.

The recent United Nations resolution equating Zionism and racism had brought that organization into disrepute and seriously undermined international support for the continuing campaign against racism. Tragically it had made more difficult the already formidable task of finding a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict.

They should not allow their repugnance to lead them to reduce their support for the United Nations and its true ideals. They should not forget the considerable success achieved over the years.

In continuing to support the United Nations (he said) we shall stand up and speak out clearly for decency, tolerance and constructive moderation in the United Nations and in the relationships of the nations of the world.

LORD CARRINGTON, Leader of the Opposition [illegible] ... with ... a sensible fashion, the country would no longer possess the strength, either moral or physical, that it once had.

Foreign policy was a bi-partisan policy and the Opposition would not, on the whole, quarrel with the policy the Labour Government had followed over the past two years. No country could, or in the long term should, learn from one side of foreign policy to another and remain credible in the eyes of its allies.

The Opposition would be watching closely what was proposed about defence expenditure. If further cuts were made there would be increased unemployment, and the shipbuilding and aircraft industries, which were about to be nationalized, would not get off to a good start.

The Government should not misunderstand the consequences of their action upon their allies, like the United States, who also wished to reduce their defence expenditure.

The Government should be in no doubt about the reaction of the people of this country who believed in the vast superiority of the Warsaw Pact and the weakness of NATO and that it was the aim of the Government to maintain adequate defences for the protection of British citizens.

LORD GLADWYN (L) said unless the United Kingdom could define its independence its foreign was dark and hard to go. The country could only defend itself and carry out its policy in relation with its economic difficulties.

LORD FAIRFAX-BOOTH said it was right that Lord Shepherd, the Lord Privy Seal, should have gone to the funeral of General Franco. The funeral looked not only to the past, but the future. It was right that the Government should not have refused that look to the future but should have given Juan Carlos a sign that, on the right [illegible] Britain was prepared to be ...

... CHALFONT (Ind) said ... that the Russians ... to advance ... West Europe from the United States and would then bring the whole of Europe under its influence. Then they would turn to China.

This was not only the view from Peking. It was also the view of Australia, Singapore, and other countries of South-East Asia.

To see what truth lay behind that view one had to look at the facts. Since 1970 defence expenditure had gone down every year in absolute terms. In the Warsaw Pact countries it had gone up.

If the Government were contemplating further substantial defence cuts beyond those announced at the end of the last defence review, it would be well to remember that once defence was reduced below the minimum level of safety, they might never have the chance to restore it.

LORD SHINWELL (Lab) said they should be better informed about defence matters. They should not indulge in platitudes and laughing they could cover up by using the terms like "good will", "peace", and "disarmament conference". The Russians were just playing and laughing at them; any idea that detente would prevent the Russians from getting their own way was a blunder of the worst kind.

LORD BROCKWAY (Lab) said it was important that the Soviet Union should carry out its pledges made at the Helsinki Conference regarding human rights, but it was equally important that the West should carry out its pledges regarding economic and social integration.

LORD JANNER (Lab) said with its resolution on Zionism, the United Nations was being dragged into a diabolically conceived programme which was reconcilable as being akin to that adopted by the Nazis. The ultimate objective was the destruction of the Jewish people.

LORD STRATHCONA and MOUNT ROYAL (C), for the Opposition, said the Government had not been as powerful as they might have been in finding a corner for Britain's arms industry. This applied particularly in negotiations with the Americans and the French. The Government must ensure that when Britain sought weapons abroad the cost was offset by the purchase of weapons from Britain.

LORD WINTERBOTTOM, Lord in Waiting, said he sympathized with the suspicions expressed about the intentions lying behind Russian use of the Helsinki Conference and the use of the word detente. This situation must be watched carefully.

On defence, the most serious point was the forecast made in national daily newspapers of defence cuts up to £800m.

No public expenditure programme could be immune to developments in the economy. What was happening was what usually happened at this time of year. Public expenditure, including defence expenditure, was in the course of review.

I personally (he said) would not accept cuts which would leave us with insufficient forces. Neither would my colleagues press me to do so.

It was quite clear at this critical time that economies would have to be made and so discussions were going on.

Anything that was done in this area would not be done without consulting Britain's allies or entrenching.

The motion for an address in reply to the Queen's Speech was agreed to.

House adjourned, 8.48 pm.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

[illegible] National Coal Board [illegible] and Manufacturers (Gross Assets) bill, second reading.

House of Lords

[illegible] at 3.30: Motions on Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974 (Continuance) (No 2) Order and European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No 2) Order. Debates on Select Committee reports on Lords Convention and on the Long Term Unit of Accounting the Post Office.

Community ministers to discuss amendments to draft budget

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in a statement about business to be taken in the Council of Ministers of the European Community during December, said: The heads of government of the member states will meet in Rome on December 1 and 2. There is no formal agenda for this meeting, but preparations for the forthcoming conference on international economic cooperation, direct elections to the European Assembly, and financial control in the Community are likely to be among those subjects discussed.

At present eight meetings of the Council of Ministers are proposed for December. Budget ministers will meet on 3: environment ministers on 8: foreign ministers on 9: transport ministers on 10 and 11: finance ministers on 15: agriculture ministers on 15 and 16: social affairs ministers on December 18, and research ministers on a date yet to be set. In addition there is to be a meeting of education ministers on December 10.

Ministers at the budget council will consider the European Assembly's amendments and modifications to the Community's draft budget for 1976.

At the environment council ministers will resume their consideration of the draft directive on dangerous substances in the aquatic environment.

Foreign ministers will resume consideration of the preparation for the conference on international economic cooperation in the light of discussions at the European Council. Discussion will also take place on the negotiations with the Maghreb and on the mandate for the Mashraq and ministers are likely to give further consideration to the mandates for negotiations with Canada and Portugal. There will also be discussion of the extension of import arrangements for ACP beer in the first half of 1976.

Ministers will also consider a draft council directive and regulation on tax and duty relief for small non-commercial consignments imported from third countries.

At the transport council ministers will have before them a number of proposals on social harmonization in road transport, and for extending the Community quota and bracket tariff arrangements for international road transport. Ministers will also be considering the possibility of progress on alignment of national taxation systems and harmonization of weights and dimensions for commercial vehicles. There may also be discussion of a proposal on the reciprocal recognition of navigability certificates for inland waterways vessels.

Agricultural ministers will carry out an initial examination of the Commission's price proposals for the 1976-77 marketing year. They will also consider proposals for assisting the grubbing-up of low quality vines and for prohibiting the use in certain milk products of non-milk fat and non-milk protein.

The meeting of education ministers will consider a report drawn up by the education committee on future action in education.

MR ELDON GRIFFITHS, Opposition spokesman on Europe (Bury St Edmunds, C), asked whether the discussions of the heads of government on direct elections to the European Parliament would have the advantage of Mr Tindemann's report or whether the meeting would take place in advance of that report.

MR HATTERSLEY—Mr Tindemann will be at the summit in his capacity as Prime Minister of Belgium but his report will not be formally available.

Soviet inspectors attached to firms

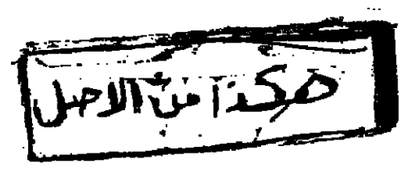
MR ONSLOW (Woking, C) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what restrictions were placed on the numbers of overseas trade officials from the Soviet Union in the United Kingdom.

MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab)—The Government maintain a fixed limit on the number of Soviet officials who are resident in the United Kingdom for more than three months and who are employed by the Soviet trade delegation, or by other Soviet ancillary organizations.

There is, however, no fixed limit on the number of Soviet inspectors of industrial equipment attached to British firms exporting to the Soviet Union.

MR ONSLOW—The House will be somewhat disturbed at the final part of that reply in view of the way in which Soviet officials have abused the trust and confidence of the British people in the past. Why is it necessary for there to be as many as 71 of these inspectors in works in this country? Can something be done to eliminate the need for their being here at all?

MR HATTERSLEY—The Government issue visas for inspectors to work with and in British companies, on the merits of their applications. When it seems to us from examination of the application and advice of the firm with whom they are working that it is necessary to pursue legitimate trade with the Soviet Union we issue visas, and we will continue to do so.



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King's pardon dashes hopes of Spain's political prisoners

om Harry Debelius
drid, Nov 26
Spain's 2,000 political prisoners gain very little from the neral pardon granted by King an Carlos I, the decree of ich was published in today's icial state bulletin. Pardons given to certain convicts d also to certain suspects who ve not yet been tried.
The King's decree, to commorate the beginning of his gn, reduces the sentences of st common criminals and res driving licences temarily revoked for such ences as drunken driving and eding. But it does not do a at deal to favour the politiprisoners' lot.
t an improvised press conence in a hotel lobby in drid today, the wife of Señor olas Sartorius, an imprisoned mber of the illegal leftist le union organization known the Workers' Commission, d: "Not even General nco ever granted such an atisfactory pardon."
rofessor Enrique Tierno van, a lawyer and leader of Interior Socialist Party P), said the decree was ry restrictive" and that it appointed non-violent oppon groups. A group of more n 100 lawyers drafted a er to the National Lawyers' ncil protesting against the rec.
eñor Raul Morodo, another ialist lawyer, said: "As a ialist and a lawyer I am ally crushed about the limions of the pardon.
I think the decree was pred before Franco died, and it a Francoite pardon confirmthe orthodoxy of the re. It is negative, an act of trinity. It is going to affect ny people who have inged traffic laws, but very few who have dared to think differently from the regime.
"For us, it does not give much room for optimism. The two things we are waiting for are to see whether Juan Carlos represents a continuation of the regime or whether he will have a new president of the Cortes and a new Prime Minister. Above all, we want an amnesty."
The Ministry of Information and Tourism today barred the Foreign Correspondents' Association from holding a press conference with Señor Felipe Gonzales, the secretary general of the Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE), at the press club, which is run by the ministry.
The decree reduces the death penalty now pending against three people to 30 years' imprisonment. It also reduces to 30 years any death penalty yet to be imposed for offences committed before last Saturday. There are about 600 people imprisoned under the anti-terrorist decree which makes the death penalty obligatory for any serious terrorist offence. The decree thus saves the King from having to deal with an expected series of death penalties for terrorism.
In Madrid, seven people accused of belonging to the Workers' Commission were today sent to prison by the Public Order Court, which deals only with political offences. Their terms ranged from six months to three years.
Madrid, Nov 26.—The Duke of Edinburgh arrived today to represent the Queen at ceremonies tomorrow marking the accession of King Juan Carlos. He was accompanied by Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords.—Reuter.

Army unrest in France attributed to socialists

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Nov 26
M Chirac, the French Prime Minister, accused the opposition Socialist Party in Parliament today of "organizing disorder and subversion" in the French Army.
Instancing the distribution of leaflets last weekend by socialist workers at the Gare de l'Est in Paris, from which recruits leave to do their national service, and recent attempts to form "soldiers' trade unions", the Prime Minister promised that the Government would take strong preventive action.
He did not tell Parliament exactly what this would be, but according to a senior French general who has just returned from inspecting units stationed in West Germany, it could well involve proceedings.
According to a Sofres public opinion poll made public today, 61 per cent of French people reject the idea of trade unions in the armed forces.

Paintings stolen in 1973 said to be recovered

Marseilles, Nov 26.—Six paintings by Corot, Rubens, Dufy and Ingres stolen from a Marseilles museum in February, 1973, have been recovered, *Le Méridionale-La France* reported today. The police, however, said they knew nothing about it.
The newspaper said that the paintings were believed to have been moved to Italy for at least one year and that the French Foreign Ministry had been involved in their recovery. It quoted a report that a ransom had been paid for them, but no figure was mentioned.—AP.


Mrs Ryan shielding her face from photographers.

Women on trial for mass murder

Düsseldorf, Nov 26.—Sixteen people, among them six women, went on trial here today charged with complicity in mass murders at the Nazi concentration camp of Maidanek, Poland, during the Second World War.
The accused, aged between 54 and 72, were guards and medical orderlies at the camp where 250,000 people died, according to a court statement. Soviet and Polish estimates put the number at about a million, most of them Jews.
Photographers crowded round when one of the women defendants, Mrs Hermine Ryan, aged 56, was led into court. Mrs Ryan, an Austrian-born American who was extradited by a New York court in 1978 to face the charges [illegible]
labour for offences in the Ravensbrück concentration camp. She was released the following year and in 1958 emigrated to Canada, where she married an American soldier.
Ordering her extradition, the New York court released evidence alleging she selected Jewish women and children for death in the gas chamber, whipped and tortured camp inmates, and assisted in hanging a 20-year-old Polish girl.
The chief accused is Hermann Hackmann, aged 62, who was camp commander for 14 months in 1941-42. The oldest is Frau Alice Orlowski, 72, who was in charge of the camp laundry. The British occupation authorities extradited her to Poland after the war but, after serving part of a heavy prison sentence there, she was repatriated to West Germany in 1956.
Defence lawyers spent all of the first day of the trial challenging the court and its expert witnesses, motions on which the court will decide tomorrow. The public prosecutor is to begin reading the 300-page indictment next Tuesday.
The trial is expected to last [illegible]

£60m policy to reduce EEC fishing fleet

From David Cross
Brussels, Nov 26
As part of its plans for updating the EEC's fishing policy, the European Commission has come forward with a 118m unit of account (about £60m) modernization programme for the Community's coastal fishing fleet. The overall aim is to reduce the size of the fleet in an orderly fashion, without causing undue hardship to the 100,000 inshore fishermen.
The commission argues that at a time when costs are rising faster than prices and traditional fishing grounds are being depleted, production targets will probably have to be fixed to regulate catches. This will clearly be all the more necessary if, as seems likely, fishing limits round the Community are extended to 200 miles in the next couple of years or so.
The £60m, which would be phased over the first five years of a ten-year programme, would be used to finance the building of new craft and to encourage the early retirement of fishermen and the destruction of aging vessels. The commission estimates that well over half of the Community's inshore fleet will be over 15 years old during the next five years.
Other grants would be earmarked for developing fish and shellfish breeding, to finance conservation, processing and marketing installations and for research and training projects. The Community has yet to take a definitive stand about territorial rights for its fishermen when the existing limits are extended.
Britain, for example, would like to ban fishermen from other EEC member states operating in any wider territorial waters, but this would destroy the aims of the Community's policy. Theoretically, fishermen from all member countries should be allowed into the territorial waters of all the others after 1983.

Oslo sets deadline for extending sea limit

From Our Correspondent
Oslo, Nov 26
The possibility of unilateral Norwegian action to proclaim a 200-mile economic zone off its coasts was underlined today in a report to the Storting (Parliament) by Mr Jens Evensen, the minister for matters relating to the law of the sea. He reviewed the United Nations conference on the law of the sea as well as negotiations with other countries concerning the extension of the Norwegian fisheries limit and the introduction of a 200-mile zone.
Mr Evensen said that other countries, including Britain, had been informed that a solution to the extension of the Norwegian fisheries limit must be found in about a year from now. The necessary legislation must be prepared in advance.
The minister did not rule out that the (UN) conference might be inconclusive also in 1976. In that event, he foresaw a number of unilateral actions in extending fisheries limits and claiming national jurisdiction in other ways over what is now international waters or international seabed. He believed a 200-mile economic zone would become a reality in one way or another.
For Norway the problem is many sided with the eastern delimitation to the Soviet Union of an extended fisheries limit still to be negotiated. Mr Evensen indicated that an extension to 200 miles, whether unilateral or as part of a general review of the international law of the sea, would require Norway to negotiate transitional arrangements with other countries which would also extend their limits. Britain would be one of those.
Mr Evensen suggested a law empowering the Government to introduce a 200-mile economic zone possibly in stages (the present fisheries limit is defined as 12 miles). This would leave scope for discretion and flexibility. He indicated an extension of the present non-trawling zones as well as sub-limits providing for a system of regulations with regard to types of gear allowed, type of catches and fishing seasons. The report will be debated on Monday.
Political pressure may be exerted on the Government to introduce the full 200-mile limit as soon as possible instead of gradually. A parallel situation to that of Iceland might result. In terms of domestic politics, the Government is under pressure to honour its pledges to the fishermen and, in this context, Mr Evensen's review may also be seen as a move to postpone the crucial decision, hoping that the United Nations conference will solve the problem.

Airport checks 'within rules'

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Nov 26
Airport security checks which can be justified on grounds of public policy, public security or public health are not incompatible with EEC rules on the right to free movement and residence, the European Commission says in a written reply to a question from Irish members of the European Parliament.
The MPs had asked the commission whether the "strict security checks at British airports on Irish nationals, even when in transit to other member states of the Community", conformed with the provisions of the Rome Treaty.
The Commission also asked whether Britain had provided "acceptable justification" for the checks, leaving little doubt that a plea of public security would be accepted.
It points out that abolition of border controls is a feature of the proposals for a European passport to be reviewed at the EEC summit meeting in Rome next week.

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m Our Own Correspondent
n, Nov 26
our men accused in a Bonn rt of illegal arms exports e today acquitted
err Gerhard Mertins, aged part-owner of the Bonn pons firm Merex, and three his employees had been rged with selling arms in ld crisis areas.
one of the sales to Saudi bia, India and Pakistan in late 1960s of weapons worth ut £16m were initiated by firm, the judges said, but e inspired by the Federal elligence Service. They rly had government sanct.

Pacific atoll used again by France for nuclear test

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 26
France today carried out its second underground nuclear test in the Fangataufa atoll, South Pacific, the Ministry of Defence announced here. Code named "Hector", the device was exploded at the bottom of an 1,800ft shaft, in what were said to have been "fully satisfactory conditions".
The first underground test, ordered by President Giscard d'Estaing after widespread protests against France's controversial atmospheric tests, was staged at Fangataufa on June 5.
Today's test is be[illegible] the last
the nuclear experimental centre is to be dismantled for economic reasons.
The scheduled third underground blast will be carried out at Mururoa atoll, where the original atmospheric tests took place and where an underground shaft is now being bored.
It was unusual for the Defence Ministry to announce the new test so quickly.
Washington, Nov 26. — The United States conducted an underground nuclear test today at its Nevada test site, the Energy Re[illegible]

Mafia links suspected in Calabrian killing

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Nov 26
Gunmen killed Signor Nicola Pitasi, aged 29, in Reggio Calabria today in what appeared to be a Mafia shooting. This underlined the decision announced yesterday by the Calabrian Region authorities to set up an inquiry into Mafia activ[illegible]
in the regional assembly to investigate the growing influence of the Calabrian Mafia. The second is to organize a conference in mid-January in Calabria with experts on Mafia problems from Sicily, Piedmont, Lombardy and Rome.
There is a growing impression in Rome that the Calabrian Mafia is [illegible]
aspects means largely the Mafia, is highly worrying. In the past 12 months in the Reggio Calabria area alone there have been 87 murders, including the shooting today, 33 kidnappings and more than a thousand dynamite attacks.
The number of fugitives from justice is now about 200, most [illegible] in the mountains area and [illegible]

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Mr Nixon gives conditional offer to testify on CIA and Chile to Senate committee

From Fred Emery
Washington, Nov 26

Mr Richard Nixon has responded to the Senate intelligence committee's request for his sworn testimony with a proposal that he do so under his own terms, at his home in California.

Mr Nixon managed to fend off demands for his testimony while he was President, although he did make offers, which were promptly rejected, to receive at the White House the two senior members of the House judiciary committee investigating his impeachment.

Mr Nixon's account is the main missing link in the Senate committee's compilations on American covert activities, beginning with the assassination plotting under President Eisenhower when Mr Nixon was Vice-President.

The pardon granted Mr Nixon after his resignation does not cover any criminal activities that might have been committed before he was President, which is one possible reason for the restrictions he is now proposing.

However, the committee is principally interested in his testimony concerning Chile. The committee has already found that President Nixon ordered the Central Intelligence Agency to prevent Dr Allende, the Marxist leader, from coming to power in 1970, the period between 1970 and Dr Allende's death in the 1973 coup is particularly crucial.

With Congress in Thanksgiving holiday recess there was no official reaction to Mr Nixon's proposal, although the committee chairman, Senator Frank Church, expressed serious reservations over Mr Nixon's attempts to limit the questioners to two: Mr Church and the committee's senior Republican.

Mr Nixon's proposal comes after some four months of negotiation, during which the committee has suggested issuing a subpoena. According to leaked accounts, Mr Nixon wishes, additionally, to have it made clear that he is testifying voluntarily, and thus able to invoke "executive privilege" in refusing to answer, as he often tried during the Watergate demands for his tapes.

Mr Nixon is evidently claiming that his health prevents him from travelling to Washington. News reports have unkindly pointed out that he was well enough to be seen publicly playing golf recently with the head of the Teamsters union, and other people.

One problem for the Senate committee is time. It wants to wind up its work by February at the latest. If it subpoenas Mr Nixon, and court proceedings ensue, the committee's mandate would expire before the issue might be resolved.

Patrick Brogan writes: A new examination of the evidence in the murder of Dr Martin Luther King has been ordered after disclosures that the Federal Bureau of Investigation carried out a campaign of persecution, blackmail and slander against him.

There have already been suggestions that the FBI was involved in a conspiracy to murder him.

Dr King was shot in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968. Mr James Earl Ray, later convicted, escaped abroad and was able to roam the world for months before he was caught at Heathrow airport, London.

Mr Edward Levi, the Attorney-General, who has asked his staff to look into the matter, is not suggesting that there was a plot to kill Dr King, let alone that Mr J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI at the time, was behind it.

However, the disclosures by the Senate select committee on intelligence that Mr Hoover went to extraordinary (and illegal) lengths to discredit Dr King, and that the Government, with the tacit approval of various Presidents, attempted to assassinate several foreign leaders, have caused the most sceptical to wonder.

The Hoover plots against Dr King included bugging his hotel rooms when he travelled, following him everywhere and infiltrating his organizations and personal staff. A scabrous tape recording was sent to his wife and an anonymous letter was sent to him suggesting that he should commit suicide. Slanders were spread about him to reporters and the possibility was even examined of supplanting him as the leading spokesman for America's blacks and replacing him with a more compliant figure.

All this was revealed by the Senate committee on intelligence a week before it published its report on assassination plots. The temptation to put two and two together is, of course, irresistible to conspiracy theorists.



Dr Sakharov tells a press conference in his Moscow flat of his decision to delegate his wife to receive the Nobel peace prize on his behalf at the forthcoming Oslo ceremony.

Dr Sakharov wants wife to get prize

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, Nov 26

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident nuclear physicist, has delegated his wife to receive the Nobel peace prize on his behalf at the award ceremony due to take place in Oslo in two weeks' time. At a press conference in his Moscow flat this morning, Dr Sakharov gave correspondents copies of a letter addressed to the Nobel prize committee.

It stated that he considered himself duty bound to attend the ceremony in person. Unfortunately, the authorities had denied him permission to make the trip, giving as a pretext his knowledge of state military secrets. He still considered a positive answer to his request "extremely important for the strengthening of détente"; but given the circumstances, he was authorizing his wife, Elena Georgevna Bonnar, to represent him at the award ceremony. He asked the committee to consider her his entrusted proxy.

Dr Sakharov married Elena Bonnar in 1969 after the death of his first wife. She is now in Italy, having obtained permission last August to go there for a delicate eye operation. Although Soviet eye specialists are famous, she maintained that she was unable to get the proper medical attention because of the ostracism generated against herself.

She has now made a successful recovery.

In his letter, Dr Sakharov also informed the Nobel committee that he had invited four friends to attend the awards ceremony. These were: Mr Valentin Turchin, a computer specialist, Mr Yuri Orlov, a theoretical physicist, Mr Andrei Tverdokhlebov, a mathematician, and Mr Sergei Kovalyov, a biologist. The first two are at liberty, though dismissed from their jobs about two years ago after joining the Sakharov human rights committee, affiliated with Amnesty International.

Mr Tverdokhlebov and Mr Kovalyov are both being held. The former was arrested in Moscow last April, charged with anti-Soviet propaganda. It is reported that his trial is due shortly.

Mr Kovalyov has been held on similar charges since December, 1974, in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania.

At the press conference, Dr Sakharov produced two further letters addressed respectively to the state prosecutors of the Russian Republic and the Republic of Lithuania, advising them of his invitation to the two detainees and requesting their assistance in arranging for the two men to be released and allowed to make the trip to Oslo. Dr Sakharov doubts that his requests will be granted.

Nine years jail for Afrikaans poet

From Nicholas Ashford
Pretoria, Nov 26

Mr Breyten Breytenbach, the Afrikaans writer and poet, was today jailed for nine years by the Pretoria Supreme Court for taking part in "terroristic activities".

The sentence was imposed despite a plea by Dr Percy Yutar, the Attorney-General of the Transvaal, who led the prosecution, for the minimum sentence—five years—to be passed on Mr Breytenbach.

Mr Breytenbach showed no signs of emotion when sentence was passed. Nor did members of his family who were present in the courtroom. It is not yet known whether an appeal will be made.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Cillie said the seriousness of Mr Breytenbach's crime had decided the length of his sentence. The poet's activities had been a serious threat to the safety of the state and peaceful coexistence in South Africa.

Referring to the public apology which Mr Breytenbach made in court yesterday, the judge said he believed his testimony of regret was genuine. He also took into account that Mr Breytenbach's crime—the formation of an organization known as "Atlas", or "Okhela", whose aim was to overthrow the South African Government—never got beyond the discussion stage. However, violence could have resulted from the poet's actions, he said.

Earlier Dr Yutar, summing up, said that Mr Breytenbach, who has been portrayed throughout the trial as an idealist and a dreamer, was not the leader of the "Atlas" organization but merely a "pawn" in a game played by outsiders. "He was misled by others and they took advantage of him through his close emotional ties with his home country."

He claimed that the group with which Mr Breytenbach was involved had recruited in the fertile fields of the white National Union of South African Students, the progressive churches and trade unions. A number of young students had been trapped by the bait held out by anti-South African elements abroad.

"They were tempted with foreign trips and then came in contact with permissive overseas elements. These young men were then sent back to South Africa with dreams of becoming the saviours of the republic."

He went on: "Barend Schuitema [a Dutchman who is alleged to be the driving force behind Atlas] and the other leaders hid in their skunkhole in Europe while the students were pushed into the front."

Dr Yutar announced that everyone who had been detained in connexion with the Breytenbach case would be released forthwith. Five detainees who gave evidence for the state were all granted immunity.

Mr Breytenbach is the third person to be sentenced under the Terrorism and Suppression of Communism Acts this month.

African leaders urge OAU emergency talks on Angola

Kampala, Nov 26.—Seven African leaders have agreed that the heads of state of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) should hold an urgent emergency meeting on Angola, according to Uganda radio today.

It said the seven heads of state, who met in Kinshasa for the tenth anniversary of Zaire's revolution, were the leaders of Burundi, the Central African Republic, Gabon, Mauritania, Senegal, Togo and Uganda. President Amin of Uganda is the chairman of the OAU, which groups 46 states.

The radio said the ... They also ... support for President Amin's view that the OAU cannot recognize only the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MLPA) as the authority in the troubled country.

Luanda radio, monitored in London, said today that MPLA had forced its opponents to retreat on all battlefronts. The radio quoted a communiqué by Commander Ju Ju of the MPLA military high command, issued yesterday.

Fighting the Luanda-based MPLA are the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita).

The communiqué broadcast from Luanda today said that, close to the capital, an army which included invaders from ... continued to be driven back by MPLA troops north of the Dande river, which flows about 40 miles north of Luanda.—Reuter.

New York, Nov 26.—South ... in southern ... tary of Unita, stated here last night.

He told a press conference that the Angolan war could not escape becoming caught in the grasp of foreign powers: "If the MPLA continues to introduce into Angola, Soviet, Cuban, Algerian and East German nationals, Western interests on the other side of the Atlantic cannot remain indifferent."—Agence France Presse.

Man digs up lawn at White House

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Nov

Mr Philip Berrigan got himself arrested again yesterday, this time for digging up the lawn in front of the White House. Early in the day he was arrested outside the British Embassy, where he was caught spraying the slogan "disarm or dig graves" on the pavement in red paint. He had already painted it on the plinth of Sir Winston Churchill's statue.

The embassy authorities decided that they did not wish to become involved in Mr Berrigan's attempts to get himself martyred. The member of the ... diplomatic immunity. He therefore could not appear in court, and the police dropped the charges against Mr Berrigan and two other men who were with him.

So off he went to the White House. This time he was accompanied by his brother Daniel, and they were arrested with four other people. They entered the grounds with the usual groups of tourists

Physicist 'takes too idealistic view of West'

Disillusioned Russian immigrants in America accuse him of naivety

Peter Strafford
New York, Nov 26

Russian dissidents who have settled recently in New York are finding that life in the West is far from utopian. Some are so unhappy that they have been trying to return to the Soviet Union, only to find that they cannot, while others are critical of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the nuclear physicist, for taking too idealistic a view of the West.

Three of the dissidents have just written an open letter to Dr Sakharov in which they accuse him of lacking objectivity when he writes about the West, particularly in his recent book *My Country and the World*. They contend that Dr ... in Western society, are ... wrong in thinking that the Western world can help the Soviet Union.

They also accuse him of naivety in believing that Western governments are necessarily altruistic and humanistic, and believers in human rights. These governments are primarily concerned with the interests of their own people, they say, and pressure for liberalization and democratization in the Soviet Union should come from inside, not outside.

The three authors of the letter are Mr Valentin Prussakov and Mr Edvard Limonov, both writers, and Mr Vagrich Bakhchanian, a painter. They have all left the Soviet Union in recent years, and all feel that, while they are better off in New York than they were in Moscow, there should be no illusions about the West.

They themselves do not want to return to the Soviet Union; but the life of an immigrant is a hard one, and they say they know many people who would like to return if they could. They appeal to Dr Sakharov, as ... people in the Soviet ... want to leave the Soviet Union.

They are not trying to make out that everything is wonderful in Russia; but they consider that people like Dr Sakharov, whom they regard as "old dissidents", still reacting to Stalinist conditions, are too much inclined to see the differences between the Soviet Union and the West in black and white terms.

As examples of the problems in the West they list terrorism, the economic crisis, religious, nationalistic and racial conflicts, the growth of crime, spiritual emptiness and the lack of ideals. These, they say, are some of the principal features of Western society today, and yet Dr Sakharov does not notice them.

If the West cannot solve its own problems, it makes no sense to ask it to help with the difficulties of the Soviet Union, and the absence of law there. The three authors say that their own experience of life in the West has helped them to get rid of their illusions. They no longer believe the Western ... can help to solve the ... understand.

The three Russians evidently have been impressed by the difference between rich and poor in the West. When I saw Mr Limonov recently, he told me that he had spent some time in Italy after leaving the Soviet Union, and he had noted the contrast between the luxury cars and stores in Rome and the primitive conditions in which many people lived in southern Italy.

The three make a similar point in their open letter to Dr Sakharov. They criticize him for his description of poor living conditions in the Soviet Union, which could apply to any country: and they argue that he overstates the high standard of living in the United States.

While they admit that the standard of living is much higher in the United States than in the Soviet Union, they point out that Dr Sakharov forgets the high rents, and the costs of gas, electricity and the telephone. An American worker, they maintain, would not recognize the description ... given by Dr Sakharov.

In the last resort, the authors add, if Western and Soviet interests conflict, the Western governments would abandon all their altruistic and humanistic ideas. They cite as a warning the decision taken by the British and the Americans at the end of the Second World War to return millions of Soviet citizens to Stalin.

Japanese strike for the right to strike

From Our Correspondent
Tokyo, Nov 26

Government workers launched the biggest strike in Japanese history today in support of a demand for legal recognition of their right to go on strike.

The strike, called by the Korokyo, a council of trade unions representing 870,000 government workers, crippled the transport system and seriously disrupted postal and telecommunication services.

Mr Miki, the Prime Minister, and his Cabinet met today to try to resolve the dispute, but the ministers could not agree on a report submitted by a government-commissioned panel of experts.

The report recommended that some state corporations and government enterprises be transformed into private enterprises and their workers be given the right to strike.

About 22 million people were affected today when 18,000 passenger trains and 5,000 goods trains stopped operations. In seven cities, including Tokyo, workers on some private railways stopped work for half a day in a sympathy walkout. A total of 25 million items of mail remained undelivered. Telephone and telegram services were disrupted.

However, no disorders were reported. Most commuters on the national railways either switched to private railways or decided to take days off during the strike.

The strike is set to last 10 days unless the Government agrees to change the law prohibiting strikes in the public sector. The ban was decreed by General Douglas MacArthur in 1948, when he was allied commander in occupied Japan.

In its report to the Government, the panel of experts recommended that workers of the national railways, postal, minting and banknote printing services should not be granted the right to strike.

But it said employees of the salt, alcohol and tobacco businesses—now state monopolies—and of the forestry services should be given the right to strike after these had been transformed, except in certain administrative and management areas, into private enterprises.

On telecommunication services the panel reached no conclusion.

Dr Waldheim in Damascus talks on UN mandate

Damascus, Nov 26.—Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General conferred with President Assad of Syria today in an effort to bridge "crucial gaps" still blocking a renewal of the United Nations' peace-keeping mandate on the Golan Heights.

With only four days left before the expiry deadline, however, there were increasing indications that Syria intended to renew the mandate despite sober admonitions against early optimism from Dr Waldheim himself.

Dr Waldheim met President Assad and Mr Abdeul Halim Khaddam, the Foreign Minister, immediately after arriving from Cairo and a brief stopover in Beirut, where he conferred with Lebanese leaders on the civil war.

His main mission on the last leg of a week-long Middle East tour was to persuade President Assad to renew the United Nations' Golan Heights mandate. "Everything depends on conversations I will have tonight in Damascus", Dr Waldheim told reporters before leaving Beirut. "There are still crucial gaps to be settled."

Mr Zuheir Mohsen, a Palestinian guerrilla leader and member of Syria's ruling Baath Party, told reporters in Beirut that he "expects" the mandate's renewal. "This will take place more than once so long as the (military) situation requires that the Middle East conflict remain frozen until we are in a position to reactivate it", Mr Mohsen said.

Diplomats in Damascus have been predicting for some time that Syria would have to renew the mandate because it is not yet in a position to risk a war against Israel on its own.

Dr Waldheim has also been sounding out Israel and Syrian leaders on possible future peace talks. He relayed Syria's conditions for discussing peace to Israel leaders after his first round of talks with President Assad last week. He is now taking the Israel response back to Damascus.—UPI.

Amman, Nov 26.—King Hussain of Jordan is to meet Dr Waldheim for talks in London tomorrow, it was announced here today.—Reuter.

Kuwait call for more British trade

Kuwait, Nov 26.—Kuwait urged Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, in talks here today to persuade British businessmen to explore trade prospects in the oil-rich Gulf state.

Mr Callaghan, on the last day of a two-day visit here, had separate discussions with the country's ruler, Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

His meeting with the ruler, Shaikh Sabah as-Salim as-Sabah, was mainly social, but British sources said the two men agreed that Kuwait and Britain should continue to work together, particularly in the field of trade.

The Foreign Secretary was presented with a set of Arabic "worry beads"—similar to a rosary—to replace the ones the amir gave Mr Callaghan when he came here 20 years ago with a British parliamentary delegation.

Mr Callaghan later saw Sheikh Fahir al-Ahmad as-Sabah, the Prime Minister and Crown Prince, for discussions on Anglo-Kuwait commercial relations and Gulf security, the sources said.

In his talks with Mr Abdul-Rahman al-Atiqi, the Finance Minister, the Foreign Secretary detailed the steps the Government was taking to reduce Britain's high inflation rate. Mr Atiqi urged the expansion of trade between the two countries and asked Mr Callaghan to tell British businessmen to come to Kuwait to take advantage of its business opportunities.—Reuter.

Kurds settle back in their Iraqi homes rebuilt after last year's fighting

From Edward Mortimer
Baghdad, Nov 26

A year ago I went to Iraq Kurdistan at the invitation of Mullah Mustafa Barzani's Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) which was then holding out in a long strip of mountainous territory along the Iranian and Turkish frontiers against the offensive of the central Government in Baghdad.

Last week I returned to the same territory at the invitation of the Iraq Government. Being shown round by an official of the Information Ministry and by the local brigade commander, I was told that I could go anywhere I liked. I asked to revisit the precise area in which I had stayed last year, that is the Balak valley leading up from Rawanduz to the Iranian frontier. This was the area of the KDP's administrative headquarters for its "liberated area".

My main concern was to find out what had happened to the Iraq Kurds since the collapse of Mullah Mustafa's rebellion had left them completely at the mercy of the Baghdad Government.

If I was only partly successful in this, it was not for any lack of cooperation on the part of the Iraq authorities. It was partly because I had only a very short time at my disposal; partly because I had to rely on government officials as interpreters; and partly because many policy decisions made by the Iraq Government, or rather by the all-powerful Revolutionary Command Council, are not formally announced. Therefore any Iraq official may be aware of only a given decision in so far as it directly affects his own work.

I was able to see, however, that at least a substantial part of the Kurdish population has now returned to the mountain towns and villages, and that many of the houses and other buildings destroyed during the fighting either have been or are being rebuilt.

The Kurdish language is still in use. I was assured that it is still the main language of instruction in local schools. And, if to prove this, a group of schoolboys encountered by chance in the village of Dashbend were carrying physics and history textbooks in Kurdish. They spoke Arabic only haltingly and had difficulty in making themselves understood by my Arab interpreter.

Kurds in various places spoke to my interpreter without apparent inhibition, freely admitting, for instance, to having fled before the government forces into the "liberated area", then into Iran, and since returning.

One young man from Arbil, now the capital of the official "autonomous area", said that he had gone because all his family and friends went, indeed virtually the whole population of the city.

Why did they go? "Because Mullah Mustafa told us that the Government's autonomy law was a sham, and we would all be massacred."

Why did he think all the fighting had happened? It was a complicated story, he said, "but the main cause of the fighting was Mullah Mustafa." Were the Kurds disappointed in his leadership? "Yes, especially when he gave in so easily to Iran."

The young man added that he was grateful to the Government for exempting the Kurds from military service. This meant that he would be going straight from secondary school into a Civil Service job at the beginning of next year.

Chief Rabbi of Britain will visit Soviet Union

Dr Immanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi of Britain, plans to visit the Soviet Union next month, it was announced yesterday.

His proposed 10-day tour, in response to several invitations from the Jewish community in the Soviet Union, will include visits to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev. It will be the rabbi's first visit to the country.

Planning for the trip has taken several months. A visa is still awaited from the Soviet authorities.

Priest allowed to leave Chile

Santiago, Nov 26.—The Rev Daniel Panchot, an American priest who had been held for two weeks accused of aiding fugitive Marxist guerrillas, left by air for San Francisco last night after being granted a safe conduct by the Chilean authorities.

Dr Sheila Cassidy, a British woman also accused of helping a Marxist leader, is still being held by the Interior Ministry under emergency regulations.—Reuter.

Lebanese plan to transform role of militias

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Nov 26

Mr Ghassan Tweini, a Cabinet minister and Lebanon's leading editor, today presented a comprehensive plan to end the street war and save the country from economic ruin. He proposes that if the rival militias cannot be disbanded they should be turned into a national guard under army command.

In many ways, Mr Tweini's plan has a utopian ring about it, given the fact that terror and anarchy govern the streets and that the Government is powerless to confront the gunmen.

Indeed, only yesterday Mr Karami, the Prime Minister and Defence Minister, said the Army was so hard-pressed that it could not enter the conflict, while Mr Camille Chamoun, the Interior Minister, said the internal security forces were inadequate.

These disclosures led to a bizarre suggestion from two otherwise responsible leaders, Mr Saeb Salam, a Muslim, and Mr Raymond Eddy, a Christian, that the go-ahead should be given for the arming of all Lebanese, since they could not count on state protection. Hence, whether it is practicable or not, Mr Tweini's peace plan has brought back a bit of sanity to the national debate.

Mr Tweini, who is best known as the editor of the newspaper *Al Nahar*, makes it clear that the first requirement should be a ceasefire to which all parties would commit themselves unreservedly. As he is aware of the fate of the previous 14 ceasefires in the past seven months of fighting, he suggests that the truce should be worked out by the 20-man National Dialogue Committee.

The ceasefire would take the form of a joint communiqué, binding all the parties to it and rejecting completely any idea of partitioning Lebanon. This move would be followed by an expansion of the present Cabinet to encompass all of the parties to the conflict in the streets, thereby involving all in the peace process.

The suggestion that the Christian and Muslim militias could be turned into a national guard may sound odd, but at least it provides a formula for controlling them.

Although the purpose of the national guards proposed by Mr Tweini remains suitably vague, he makes it clear that they should not be restricted to the military sphere. "These should be devoted to matters of security of the country, to reconstruction and to social and municipal projects", the plan suggests.

This underlines one of the principal aims of the plan once the guns are silenced—to get down to reconstruction and launch a reform programme. To revive the shattered economy, Mr Tweini proposes rebuilding schemes undertaken jointly by the government and the private sector, and a plan to attract Arab capital to the country.

Britons in coach crash

Belgrade, Nov 26.—A Yugoslav driver was killed and 30 tourists, including Britons, Australians and New Zealanders, were injured when two coaches collided about 60 miles from the Greek border today.

The Yugoslav national news agency Tanjug said one coach was carrying Britons, Australians and New Zealanders on a journey round the world. The other was taking Yugoslav tourists to Greece. The collision happened early this morning.

All the injured were taken to hospital in Titov Veles, a nearby town. Doctors said that among the seriously injured were two Australian men, a New Zealand woman and a Briton named as Paul Stuart Upton.—Reuter.

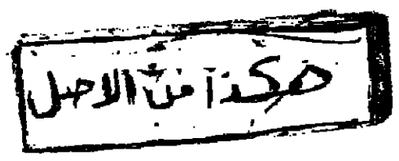
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Four gunmen killed as Dacca kidnap attempt on Indian envoy fails

Calcutta, Nov 26.—The Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh was shot and wounded in Dacca today as police and security guards foiled an attempt to kidnap him, Bangladesh officials said.

Four of the six armed kidnappers died and two were wounded and captured in the abortive attempt to seize Mr Samar Sen, aged 61, outside his office. They were alleged to belong to the pro-Peking National Socialist Party.

The Bangladesh High Commission in London said in a statement—also broadcast by Bangladesh radio—that the diplomat suffered a minor bullet wound in the arm. The bullet was removed in hospital and tonight he was described as being "out of danger".

A distinguished civil servant and diplomat, Mr Sen who is Oxford-educated, has served as ambassador to Pakistan and as Indian permanent representative at the United Nations. He has a son and two daughters.

The Bangladesh mission in London quoted a government spokesman as saying that the two captured "miscreants" would suffer exemplary punishment. Five revolvers had been recovered.

The kidnap attempt had been "engineered by certain anti-state elements with the ulterior motive of damaging the existing bonds of friendship between India and Bangladesh".

Army officers and the Bangladesh police chief went to the High Commission after the incident and security measures were tightened. Mr Abu Sadat Muhammid Sayem, President of Bangladesh, sent India a message expressing shock and regret.

The Indian Government also expressed deep shock. It said that it took a very serious view of the attac. The Government dispatched a special aircraft to Dacca carrying medical staff to carry Mr Sen back to India.

The incident seems certain to exacerbate the already strained relations between India and Bangladesh after the three military coups in Dacca since August 15.

The Indian statement asked Bangladesh to institute an immediate inquiry into the incident—and to punish the offenders. The Press Trust of India news agency, reporting the incident, said that for weeks insidious and mischievous anti-Indian propaganda had occurred in Bangladesh.

An official Indian spokesman said that the Bangladesh Government had been reminded of its responsibility to provide adequate protection to the Indian High Commission staff and their families and to other Indian nationals.

The official statement said that the attack on Mr Sen took place as he arrived at the High Commission at 9.40 am. The gang had been resisted by Indian security guards and Bangladesh police posted at the High Commission.

"The Government of India takes a grave view of this dastardly attack on the life of the Indian High Commissioner and condemns it in the strongest possible terms", it said.

The Press Trust of India also reported that telecommunications between India and Bangladesh were "disrupted" from 10 am today. News agency teleprinter links between Calcutta and Dacca were cut.—Reuter.

Our Calcutta Correspondent writes: News of the attempt has caused acute concern here. Evidently, the new Bangladesh regime has failed to control the anti-Indian forces unleashed by recent changes. Apart from uncertainty about its intentions, there are also doubts about its ability.

The balance of effective powed is unclear. Within the military establishment, the relationship between the heroes of the liberation struggle and senior officers repatriated from Pakistan is complex and uneasy. Some pro-Pakisten groups are said to have become active.

Mr Fraser's deputy opens party campaign

Brisbane, Nov 26.—Mr Douglas Anthony, Deputy Prime Minister, tonight opened the Liberal-National Country Party election campaign with an attack on the ousted Labour administration, describing it as a corrupt government which had destroyed Australia's economic security.

He told a cheering rally that "prosperous, productive Australia has been reduced by Labour to an inflation-ridden, debt-burdened country". Mr Anthony, leader of the rural-based National Country Party, spoke as Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, was recovering from a severe bout of influenza which caused the cancellation of a nationwide address last night.

Mr Anthony, whose address was much wider-ranging than the normal Country Party speeches, declared: "We can't afford the cost of socialism with its crippling inflation and its massive bureaucracy. The great goal of this election is to put Australia back on its feet, to restore good management, to repair a damaged nation, to put men and women back to work, to fight inflation, to remove stagnation, to rebuild confidence, to revive national growth."

Recalling the events that led to the sacking of Mr Whitlam, the Labour Prime Minister, Mr Anthony said: "Nothing—not the sacking of a prime minister, not the defiance of a parliament, not the votes of a senate—raises the threat to democracy, to stability, to our enjoyment of life, that is raised by inflation."

If the coalition came to power it would support the extension of the country's fishing zone from 12 to 200 miles, Mr Anthony added. The move would be considered in the new international climate.

Official estimates were that about 400 foreign vessels fished within 200 miles of the coast in 1974-75, and of these 13 were arrested inside Australia's declared 12-mile zone. Ten were Taiwanese and three Indonesian.

They would also introduce secret ballots for the election of trade union officials in an attempt to get bigger votes and end control of unions by communists. A national energy council would be set up to determine energy reserves and encourage research into alternative energy sources, including solar energy.

In Melbourne, Mr Fraser left his sickbed to give a press conference in the grounds of his home at which he launched a renewed attack on the media. Before he was feeling "fine", Mr Fraser complained that a journalist had leaked his policy speech to Labour.

Mr Whitlam hit the outback trail today, travelling from the Western Australian capital of Perth to Alice Springs in the heart of the continent, and to Darwin in the north. He told a Darwin rally tonight that there was a certain ironic aptness that Mr Anthony, the Country Party leader, had opened the coalition campaign.

He said that from April, 1973, when the coalition first made up its mind to set aside the democratic will of the people and force an election, "the Country Party tail had wagged the Liberal dog."—Reuter.

Muzorewa group condemns Nkomo-Smith talks

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Nov 26

The faction of the African National Council supporting Bishop Abel Muzorewa has strongly condemned any possible settlement agreement which may be reached between the Rhodesian Government and Mr Joshua Nkomo, the leader of another faction of the council.

The Rev Max Chigwida, the publicity secretary of the Muzorewa faction, said today that recent preliminary talks between Mr Nkomo and Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, were a betrayal of the majority of black Rhodesians and that the Muzorewa group would not accept any possible agreement.

"Mr Nkomo's achievement will not be binding upon the majority of the people those mandate he does not have", Mr Chigwida said. He added that Mr Nkomo's secret manoeuvres and "ruthless ambitious actions" had discredited him and no amount of trying to reassure Rhodesia's blacks that he was putting up a tough fight would be credible. His "treacherous actions" had stood as sufficient refutation to disqualify him as a bona fide representative of the black majority.

The dispute in Rhodesia was between the blacks and whites and any settlement could therefore be reached only by the preferred leaders of each community, the spokesman went on. The whites had shown clearly in the last election that Mr Smith was their representative but any objective observer knew Mr Nkomo was the bona fide leader of the black majority.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr Chigwida forecast that the Muzorewa faction would soon be subjected to persecution and harassment to eliminate what he called intelligent and effective opposition to a settlement between the Government and the Nkomo ANC.

Asked if the Muzorewa faction would accept a government invitation to attend a constitutional conference, Mr Chigwida said that that would depend on a number of factors including whether it was recognized as the ANC which represented the majority of the country's blacks.

Peking students criticize education policy

From David Bonavia
Peking, Nov 26

A faction of staff and students at Peking University has severely criticized Mr Chou Jung-hsin, the Minister of Education.

Wall posters at the university campus have attacked Mr Chou together with Mr Liu Ping, leading administrator of the city's other big university.

The allegations against both men are not clear, but it seems that they are accused of opposing the policy of bringing higher education to wider strata of the workers and peasants.

The new dispute about educational policy has been brewing since the summer. It echoes a similar debate which broke out in the national press and broadcasting media early last year. The main issues are procedures of student selection and the sending of qualified academic workers to lecture and solve technical problems in production units.

Aircraft builders to stand trial for DC 10 disaster

Los Angeles, Nov 26.—A federal judge has ruled in Los Angeles that the makers of the DC10 airliner must stand trial early next year for last year's Paris crash which killed 345 in the worst air disaster in history.

Senior Judge Peirson Hall, inpatient at the slowness with which out-of-court settlements were being reached for families of the victims, set an unspecified trial date next spring.

On trial will be McDonnell Douglas, builders of the aircraft, General Dynamics, makers of its fuselage, Turkish Airlines, owners of the crashed aircraft, and the United States Federal Aviation Administration which certified it.

"This case has been going on for six months, and there has been no progress", the judge said. "We might as well go ahead and try it." The judge's ruling does not prevent out-of-court settlements being reached before the case comes to trial.

Lawyers for the families of the victims said only three out-of-court settlements had so far been reached. Mr James Fitzsimons, for McDonnell Douglas, said "excessive demands" were being made, with some families asking for up to $1,100,000 (£540,000). But Mr Gerald Sterns, lawyer for the families of 70 British victims, countered with cases where two British mothers who lost their only children in the crash, had been offered only $25,000 each.

Earlier this year, the aircraft's builders agreed to try to reach out-of-court settlements if the families would waive punitive damages which can be extremely high in California but which would have resulted in lengthy legal wrangles.

Because of the slowness with which settlements are being reached, lawyers for some of the families tried to withdraw their earlier agreement not to seek punitive damages.—Reuter.

Statement on Zionism is defended by WCC

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Nov 26

The recent statement by the World Council of Churches calling on the United Nations General Assembly to rescind its resolution condemning Zionism was defended today by Dr Philip Potter, the WCC general secretary.

The first attempt to raise the matter came when Dr Potter presented his report to the WCC assembly. Bishop Athanasios of Souef Beni, of the Egyptian Coptic Church, attempted to ask Dr Potter to explain why his statement had been made without consultation with member churches.

Bishop Athanasios was ruled out of order, but in a press conference later Dr Potter said that there had been "constant consultation" with churches in the Middle East and with different groups in that area. The last time had been in October and the Egyptian Coptic Church had taken part.

His statement on Zionism, he said, had been prepared before the United Nations vote. It recognized the exasperation felt by many people in the Middle East concerning some Israel policies, such as unwillingness to withdraw from occupied territories.

"But I said strongly and I will continue to say that it is wrong to identify Zionism (which has many different forms) as racist", Dr Potter added.

He pointed out that his statement had also appealed to all parties to find ways to enable the Palestinian people to realize statehood while recognizing the right of Israel to exist with agreed boundaries. The United Nations debate, far from helping the situation, had exacerbated it.

Russian rocket puts US carrots in orbit

Moscow, Nov 26.—A consignment of American carrots and fish eggs has been put into orbit by a Soviet rocket in the first joint space experiment since last summer's Apollo-Soyuz manned flight.

Tass said today that the satellite, Cosmos-782, which was launched yesterday also contained experiments from the Soviet Union, France and Czechoslovakia.

The satellite will remain in orbit for 22 days. The experiments are designed to measure the effects of radiation and weightlessness on living organisms. They also include a batch of rats to be examined by American and Soviet scientists.

Tass said the satellite was orbiting between 253 and 142 miles above the Earth, close to the height generally chosen for manned orbital missions.—Reuter.

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Lords affirm wide interpretation of tax avoidance law

Inland Revenue Commissioners v Joiner

Before Lord Wilberforce, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Diplock, Lord Kilbrandon and Lord Edmund-Davies.

The House of Lords, applying its own principle that the statutory profits condition; "a wide and general attack on tax avoidance", first introduced in the Finance Act, 1960, and now enacted in the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, a consolidation Act, must be given a wide interpretation, dismissed an appeal by a taxpayer, Mr Albert George Joiner, junior, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Scarman and Mr Justice Brightman) (*The Times*, December 13, 1974; [1975] 1 W.L.R. 273) which had upheld the decision of Mr Justice Goulding ([1973] 1 W.L.R. 669) in favour of the Crown, that a transaction carried out on a voluntary liquidation, which gave him a tax advantage, was caught by section 460 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, so that he was liable to surtax for 1964-65 in respect of £137,116, the amount accruing to him on the transaction.

The taxpayer held 75 per cent of the ordinary shares in a family company, A. G. Joiner & Son Ltd. On April 10, 1964, an agreement was entered into by which the company was to go forthwith into voluntary liquidation and to sell the business assets to another family company, Auto-Components and Engineering Co Ltd, which had been dormant since 1950. The taxpayer controlled all the shares which carried voting rights in Auto. The liquidation agreement provided, inter alia, how the assets of the Joiner company were to be valued. Under a sales agreement made immediately after the liquidation agreement the business assets were transferred to Auto, which began trading as A. G. Joiner & Co Ltd the following day.

Between 1964 and 1969 assets resulting from the liquidation were distributed, the taxpayer receiving cash and investments valued in excess of £137,116.

In 1970 the Inland Revenue Commissioners served a notice on the taxpayer of his liability to surtax for 1964-65, by virtue of section 460 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, on the basis that he had obtained a tax advantage as a result of a transaction or transactions in securities.

Before the special commissioners he contended that the transactions relevant to the liquidation were not "transactions in securities" as defined in section 467(1). They cancelled the notice; but Mr Justice Goulding allowed an appeal by the Crown, holding that the liquidation agreement altered the rights attached to the company's shares and thus came within the definition of a transaction in securities for the purposes of section 460 and in consequence of that transaction, inter alia, a tax advantage had accrued to the taxpayer.

The Court of Appeal held that a distribution of surplus assets to shareholders in the course of a liquidation was a transaction in securities within section 460.

Mr F. Heyworth Talbot, QC, and Mr A. L. Peter for the taxpayer; Mr N. C. H. Browne-Wilkinson, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Revenue.

LORD WILBERFORCE said that the appeal arose under sections 460 to 468 of the 1970 Act which replaced and consolidated certain provisions against tax avoidance originally contained in section 28 of the Finance Act, 1960.

In order to succeed the Revenue had to show two things: (1) that the taxpayer obtained a tax advantage in any such circumstances as were mentioned in section 461; (2) that he so obtained it "in consequence of a transaction in securities or of the combined effect of two or more such transactions" (section 460(1)) or "in consequence of the combined effect of the transaction or transactions and of the liquidation of a company" (section 460(2)).

Section 467 extended the expression "transaction in securities" so as to include "transactions of whatever description, relating to securities". Before entering on those questions his Lordship must explain the background against which the present and similar questions arising under the legislation must be decided.

On the enactment of the original section 28 of the 1960 Act it was contended that that section (and its associated sections) were directed against a particular type of tax avoidance known generally under such descriptions as dividend stripping, asset stripping and bond washing, and that the sections and particular expressions used in them, among others "transactions in securities", should be interpreted in the light of that supposed purpose.

That line of argument, however, became unmaintainable after the decisions of the House in *IRC v Parker* ([1966] AC 141) and *Greenberg v IRC* ([1972] AC 109). All the members of the House were of opinion that wide interpretation must be given to the sections. More than that, it appeared from the opinion of Lord Reid in *Greenberg* that the sections called for a different method of interpretation from that traditionally used in taxing Acts. For whereas it was generally the rule that clear words were required to impose a tax so that the taxpayer had the benefit of doubts, Lord Reid made it clear that the scheme of the sections, introducing a wide and general attack on tax avoidance, required that expressions which might otherwise have been cut down in the interest of precision were to be given the wide meaning evidently intended, even though this led to a conclusion short of which judges would inevitably desire to stop.

If their Lordships were to follow that path—and no other appeared open to them—they must continue to give to "transactions in securities" and "transactions relating to securities" the wide meaning they could neither contain those expressions to the instances given in section 467(1), nor deduce from that enumeration any limitation on their scope.

There was no doubt that the first requirement was met. The relevant "circumstance" was that stated in paragraph D of section 461.

What had to be shown was that the taxpayer received in non-taxable form a consideration which was or represented the value of assets which were, or apart from anything done by the company in question would have been, available for distribution by way of dividend. That exactly fitted the present case. The taxpayer's argument that the liquidation—resulting in the tax-free distribution—was not something "done by the company" but only something "done by the shareholders" did not accord with the conception in the Companies Act that liquidation was decided by a resolution of the company, or with the fact of distribution by the company.

On the second point, the provision in section 460(1) (b) might be applicable either by itself or as expanded by section 460(2), which provided that a tax advantage "shall be deemed to be obtained" in consequence of the combined effect of two or more such transactions "if it is obtained . . . in consequence of the combined effect of the transaction or transactions and of the liquidation of a company".

The case was decided by Mr Justice Goulding on the expanded section, and by the Court of Appeal on the subsection without the expansion; but the Court of Appeal indicated that they also would have agreed with the judge's view.

Taking the expansion with the "deeming" expansion, it seemed clear that the taxpayer was caught by those provisions.

His Lordship would take simply the agreement of April 10, 1964. Immediately before it, the taxpayer was the holder of 3,750 £1 ordinary shares in Joiner & Son, giving him the rights conferred by the articles of association—to receive dividends (if declared), rights to vote, and rights in a liquidation to receive a share of surplus assets after discharge of liabilities.

The agreement brought about clear and important variations of those rights. In the liquidation of Joiner & Son which was contemplated, it was agreed that the taxpayer should receive in respect of his shares (which were "securities"), certain specified assets at stated valuations—probably perfectly reasonable and bona fide valuations, but valuations none the less agreed with the minority shareholders.

It was an essential feature of the agreement, essential in order to enable the taxpayer to receive the specified assets, that the company's business, and its liabilities, should be sold in consideration of a loan note (itself a security), and that the loan note should be issued to the minority shareholders on account of their entitlement: there was a provision that part of it might be allocated to the taxpayer if that was necessary to make up his full share).

There was a provision in the agreement that the loan note should not be repayable except at the option of Auto, or unless Auto went into liquidation, or unless the taxpayer ceased to hold 51 per cent of the equity of Auto.

All those provisions were necessary steps to accomplish the ultimate objective of enabling the taxpayer, consistently with keeping the business effectively in existence, to receive assets of Joiner & Son, corresponding to the tax advantage. The case therefore was clearly one of the combined effect of a transaction or transactions in securities and of transactions in the liquidation of Joiner & Son. On the liquidation of Joiner & Son, on those grounds, which were those assigned by Mr Justice Goulding, his Lordship saw no alternative to dismissing the appeal.

It was not therefore necessary to decide whether the appeal should fail also on the wider ground favoured by the Court of Appeal—that the liquidation alone was a transaction in securities. That seemed to raise some difficult and possibly far-reaching questions. His Lordship would make only two observations.

First, the question whether a liquidation alone was, or could be, a transaction in securities, could not be decided without a careful examination of the deeming provision in section 460(2), a subsection added to the original section in 1962 and appearing since 1970 in the consolidated version. Their Lordships were clearly entitled, in interpreting the consolidated enactment, to have regard to that fact, and also to decisions of the courts or of the tribunal set up under the subcode which might indicate the "mischief". His Lordship certainly could not accept that a sound interpretation could be reached on an examination of the words of the 1970 Act alone.

Second, the word "liquidation" was of uncertain connotation; it might mean the decision to wind up, the distribution of surplus assets, or the whole process involving both. His Lordship would suppose that most "liquidations", at least of the kind of company with which paragraph D of the subcode was concerned, were accompanied by some "transaction", so that a "pure liquidation", might only be one of many possible types of liquidation.

If that was so, a decision that the subcode applied to some types of liquidation might not necessarily involve the more radical decision that it applied to all liquidations including "pure" liquidations, and his Lordship did not think that the House should decide that question in the present case. As he had pointed out in *Parker*, the possibility of a tax advantage arising from liquidation had been known for many years; and that, to some minds at least, might suggest a doubt whether Parliament in 1960 had liquidations in mind at all. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

VISCOUNT DILHORNE, also of opinion that the judge came to the right conclusion for the right reasons, considered that if the different basis for the same conclusion in the Court of Appeal were right, section 460(2) served no purpose and section 460(1) (b) was satisfied if there was a liquidation, whether or not accompanied by another transaction in securities.

Construing section 460, a consolidation Act, without reference to the Acts consolidated, his Lordship would without hesitation have been of opinion that a liquidation was not of itself to be regarded as a transaction in or relating to securities, for if it were, section 460(2) would have been pointless. Nor would one normally describe the liquidation of a company as constituting of itself a transaction relating to securities.

The process of consolidation would lose much of its point if, whenever a question as to its construction arose, reference had to be made to the individual Acts consolidated. Only when the consolidation Act itself gave no guidance as to its proper interpretation should it be permissible to refer to the earlier Acts. In their opinion the case the consolidated Act itself gave no guidance as to its proper interpretation should it be permissible to refer to the earlier Acts. In their opinion the case the consolidated Act such guidance that the opinion of the Court of Appeal's reasons for their decision he would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Diplock delivered a speech concurring in dismissing the appeal for the reasons given by Mr Justice Goulding. Lord Kilbrandon and Lord Edmund-Davies agreed in upholding Mr Justice Goulding and with the speeches of Lord Wilberforce and Viscount Dilhorne.

Solicitors: Underwood & Co; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Queen's Bench Division

TV licences: Home Secretary upheld

Congreve v Home Office

Before Mr Justice Phillips

A person who renewed his television licence five days before it was due to expire, thus avoiding payment at the increased rate due to come into operation on the date of expiry, was refused a declaration that revocation of his television licence by the Home Office would be unlawful, invalid, and of no effect.

The declaration was sought by Mr Andrew Christopher Congreve, a solicitor, of Blomfield Road, Maida Vale, against the Home Office.

The Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1949, provides: "1(4) A wireless telegraphy licence may be revoked . . . by a notice in writing . . . 2(1) On the issue or renewal of a . . . licence . . . there shall be paid such sums as may be prescribed by regulations . . ."

Mr Gerald Levy for Mr Congreve; Mr Roger Parker, QC, and Mr [illegible] for the Home Office.

Licence Charges and Exemption (Amendment) Regulations, 1975, came into operation on April 1, 1975. They amended the principal regulations of 1970, and their effect was to increase the fee for a licence for colour television from £12 to £18, with effect from April 1, 1975. The intention to increase the fee had been made public before the regulations were made.

On March 26, 1975, Mr Congreve obtained a colour television licence, expiring on February 29, 1976, for which he paid £12. He did not tell the Post Office clerk that he already had a licence expiring on March 31, 1975. If he had done so, and if the clerk had observed the instructions then in force in the Post Office, she would not have issued another licence before April 1.

At all material times the responsible minister was the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and the management of the television licensing system was in the hands of the National TV Licence Records Office. On April 30 the manager of that office wrote to Mr Congreve, stating that by renewing the licence before the existing licence had expired the increased fee had been avoided, and he was therefore required to remit an additional fee of £6. If he failed to do so, the licence taken out in advance would be revoked, and he would have to renew the licence which expired at the end of March at the new rate. That was a tactless letter, calculated to raise the hackles of someone preening himself at having scored a neat point over the authorities by obtaining in advance a licence at what would, after April 1, be a cheap price.

But there was another side to the matter, as put by the Home Office, in that the vast majority of licence-holders had not sought to avoid the impact of the higher fees, and those people would have a legitimate grievance if a minority were allowed to escape.

The letter of April 30 was followed by others to a similar effect.

His Lordship found that in practice licences were not renewed. They were licences for a fixed term, and a new licence was issued each time. The power to revoke or vary a licence was used administratively to correct errors in the Post Office. All licences expired on the last day of a month, and after the announcement of the proposed increases in the licence fees, instructions were issued in post offices not to issue new licences before April 1, except to those who had not had a licence before, and those whose licences expired on February 28 or earlier.

Mr Levy submitted that it was a fundamental principle of English law that no minister of the Crown could demand money unless so authorized by statute or other legislative action, and that where such a question was in issue, the onus was on the minister to establish that he had authority so to demand money.

He also submitted that in the present case the minister had threatened to exercise what was a discretionary power of revocation to enforce an unlawful demand for a sum of money.

Mr Parker submitted that all the minister was doing was giving effect to the obvious intention of Parliament that those whose need for a new licence did not arise until April 1 should pay £18, and he suggested that the licence granted on March 26 was not a licence at all.

His Lordship accepted Mr Levy's broad propositions of law, but accepted Mr Parker's summary of the matter looked at from an administrative point of view. He did not accept that the licence of March 26 was not a licence. A person could hold two concurrent licences, and if one was defective there was no impediment to his relying on the other.

The answer to the problem turned on an analysis of the statute and the Order made under it, and what the parties (especially the Home Office) had done.

The document of March 26 was a true licence issued on that date, operating concurrently with the other licence. The Home Secretary was entitled, in the exercise of his discretion, to refuse to issue a licence in March except to those who had no previous licence. That was a legitimate exercise of his discretion. The purpose was to prevent people from obtaining a licence at the cheaper rate.

The power to revoke was a wide one. It was not unfettered, because there was no power which the courts could not review, but the grounds of review were well settled and included exercise of powers in bad faith, failure to fix the fee which was appropriate to the new rate, that was December 1. Such revocation could reasonably be claimed to serve the apparent purpose of the legislation, that licences required for a period commencing on or after April 1 should be paid for at the new rate.

The crucial question was what precisely had the Home Secretary done. Had he attempted to exact an additional fee without lawful authority, or was he notifying Mr Congreve of his intention to revoke, but giving him the opportunity of paying £6 and extending the licence until 12 months had expired.

Mr Levy invited his Lordship to regard the letters as a demand for money with menaces, though not in a criminal sense. That, however, did not seem to be the right way of looking at it. Mr Congreve was left with a number of open choices. If he did nothing at all his licence would be revoked by December 1; he could give up watching television or obtain a new licence for 12 months; or he could, if he preferred, pay the £6, in which case his licence would not be revoked, but would be extended beyond February 29, 1976, to March 31, 1976. What the Home Office wanted, as against Mr Congreve, it followed that the whole substratum of Mr Levy's case collapsed, because it was all based on the letters being an unlawful demand for payment. Mr Congreve was not entitled to the declaration sought.

The Home Office did not ask for costs.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

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SPORT

Football

Slask put in deep freeze by Liverpool

From Gerry Harrison
Wroclaw, Poland, Nov 26

Slask Wroclaw 1 Liverpool 2

Under an ice blue Silesian sky, in sunshine making only a token gesture against the biting elements, Liverpool professionally set up Slask Wroclaw for the kill at Anfield in a fortnight's time. In this third round Uefa Cup tie which started in a temperature of 12 degrees below zero and was played in treacherous conditions throughout, Liverpool felt the heat of the Polish attack only in the last 10 minutes after Pawlowski had cut back their two goal lead. Despite the glow of excitement this brought to the crowd of 40,000 in the Olympia stadium, this period was merely a test for Clemence's handling and agility and he passed with distinction.

Ironically, the tricky conditions which had worried Liverpool before the start came to their aid on the hour when they opened the scoring. Having controlled the game in midfield through economy and the resourcefulness of their tactics, they found themselves in a position to push more men forward. Kennedy, whose bulk had surprisingly not given him too many problems on the icy ground, chased a header from Hall and managed to put in a shot which seemed to be helped past the Polish goalkeeper, Kalinowski, by Faber. After the game, however, Kennedy claimed the goal as his own. But the key issue here was that the goalkeeper had slipped as the shot was made. And this was the goalmouth where 24 hours previously Clemence had admitted it was no surface on which to play such a crucial, competitive game.

Thirteen minutes later Smith pumped in a deep cross from the right for Toshack to sidefoot the second goal unchallenged as the



Kennedy, Liverpool's first scorer, being challenged by Slask's only scorer, Pawlowski.

Poles stood back waiting for the linesman's flag to get them out of this spot of bother. The wave never came and the game seemed to have slipped away from them.

Ten minutes from the end Pawlowski gave *Slask* some hope with a well taken goal after Sybis had headed on Garlowski's free-kick. The red wall of Liverpool weathered the late storm and before the end the green, white and red banners of the home supporters were refurled.

The mottled pitch inside the snow covered speedway track was frozen and treacherous despite the thick grass. Turning was always something of an art, change of direction almost impossible. Yet even before Kopycki had forced Clemence to concede a corner with the Poles only accurate shot of the first half, Liverpool could already have been ahead.

Heighway lost his balance after he had latched on to a long forward pass from Smith. Callaghan was inches away, then, after Kopycki's lone assault, Kennedy headed against the bar and Case hit the goalkeeper with his shot after Erlich had headed back to his goalkeeper unaware that Keegan's replacement was stealing in behind. Only Garlowski, in midfield, and Pawlowski were a threat to Liverpool's poise and organization.

Then, after some Polish pops and post war Joe Loss at half-time, Liverpool again applied themselves diligently to their task of frustrating the Poles. It worked superbly and they are now in a comfortable and happy position.

After the game Liverpool's manager, Bob Paisley, said: "Under the conditions, we played well. It was a most pleasing result and what made such a difference was not only the experience and character we showed but also, I believe, the boots and studs we used gave us an advantage. And don't forget we shall have Keegan back for the second leg. But don't take anything away from the lads who played here."

LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence; P. Neal, T. Smith, P. Thompson, R. Kennedy, E. Hughes, J. Case, B. Hall, S. Heighway, J. Toshack, I. Callaghan.

SLASK WROCLAW: Z. Kalinowski; M. Balcerzak, J. Erlich, H. Kowalczyk, K. Karpinski, T. Pawlowski, Z. Garlowski, M. Kopycki, J. Sybis, J. Kwiatowski (sub Olesiak), R. Faber.

Referee: H. Ik (Turkey).

Best scores another superb goal

George Best last night maintained his record of scoring a goal in all of his "comeback" matches when Manchester United's 1968 European Cup winning side lost 7—2 to Manchester United's current first division team in a testimonial match for Pat Crerand.

Best scored a superb equalizer after 12 minutes, sending the goalkeeper, Roche, the wrong way, but finished on the losing side as the 1968 team found the fitness of their young opponents [illegible]. A crowd of 36,546 [illegible] the match.

[illegible] four[illegible] side took a second [illegible] through Hill and [illegible] McCreery win because [illegible] came from their teenage [illegible] goals, their other [illegible] the European champions' [illegible] cup [illegible]

Heavy defeats for Moscow clubs

Dinamo Dresden, of East Germany, AC Milan, from Italy, and the Spanish team, Barcelona, all seemed assured of places in the last eight of the Eufa Cup after last night's third round, first leg matches. AC Milan had the most impressive win, a 4—0 victory over Spartak Moscow. Another club from Moscow, Torpedo, lost 3—0 to Dinamo Dresden, and Barcelona had a comfortable 3—1 victory over Vasas, of Budapest.

In Hamburg, a Porto player, Gabriel, was sent off in Hamburg SV's 2—0 win but one of the German midfield players, Ettmater, had his name taken and as he was also "booked" in a second round game against Red Star, Belgrade, he was automatically stopped from playing in the return leg.

Oxford University team for Wembley

Paul Kent, the Oxford University captain has announced his side to meet Cambridge at Wembley on December 3, after their 1—1 draw against Carnegie Colleges yesterday. They will be without Allanson who has a knee injury.

TEAM: M. Wickham (St Edmund Hall); D. Kaye (Keble), I. Earr (Lincoln), B. Thomas (St Edmund Hall), M. Morowiec (Christ Church), P. Kent (St Edmund Hall, Captain), J. Horlthy (St Edmund Hall), J. Lever (St Peter's), M. Feely (Exeter), D. Smith (Keble), S. Ryan (Greyfriars). Substitute: P. White (Queen's).

Dover score three in extra time to oust Colchester

Dover 4 Colchester United 1

Glen Coupland a teacher, gave Southern League side, Dover, a dramatic FA Cup win over the third division's Colchester United at Crabble Ground last night.

Coupland scored twice in extra time to knock out the former Cup specialists in this first round replay and earn Dover a place in the second round for the first time.

Hamshire put Dover ahead after 32 minutes, but Packer equalized with a penalty 10 minutes later. Dover took command in extra time when a penalty by a former Millwall player, Coxhill (102 mins) and two solo efforts by Coupland (110 and 18 min) gave them a memorable victory.

Bournemouth 1 Sutton 0

Sutton United, of the Isthmian League, put up a commendable performance at Bournemouth, but a goal seconds before half-time knocked them out of the FA Cup. Hague's fierce cross eluded the [illegible] equalizer. One of their best efforts, a shot from Sorenson, was deflected just wide by Payne. Sutton's efforts were handicapped by an injury to their leading scorer, Dennis, who did not appear in the second half.

Chester 2 Darlington 0

Chester had the ball in Darlington's net inside 11 minutes when Redfern turned a long pass wide of goalkeeper Ogley, but Moore was offside. Moore made amends when he headed Chester's first goal in the 27th minute from a corner by Pugh.

Darlington's midfield player, Noble, was "booked" for a 57th minute foul on Chester's captain, Delgardo, as Darlington fought hard for an equalizer. But an 84th minute goal by Redfern made Chester safe.

The revised draw for the FA Cup second round.

Aldershot v Bishop's Stortford.
Bournemouth v Hereford.
Bury v Spennymoor.
Cardiff v Wycombe or Bedford.
Coventry Sporting v Peterborough.
Gateshead v Rochdale.
Gillingham v Brighton.
Hendon v Swindon.
Huddersfield v Port Vale.
Sheffield Wednesday v Wigan.
Shrewsbury v Chester.
Southend v Dover.
Stafford v Halifax.
Wimbledon v Brentford.
Ties to be played on December 13.

Yesterday's results

Uefa Cup

Third round, first leg

Slask (0) 1 Liverpool (0) 2
Pawlowski — Faber (og)
40,000 — Toshack

OTHER RESULTS: Dynamo Dresden 3, Moscow Torpedo 0; Inter Bratislava 1, Stal Mielec (Poland) 0; Hamburg 2, Porto (Portugal) 0; FC Bruges 1, AS Roma 0; Ajax Amsterdam 2, Levski Spartak 1; AC Milan 4, Spartak Moscow 0; Barcelona 3, Vasas Budapest 1.

FA Cup

First round replays

B'mouth (0) 1 Sutton (0) 0
Ashworth 1,109
Winners home to Hereford
Chester (1) 2 Darlington (0) 0
Moore 5,238
Redfern
Winners away to Shrewsbury
Dover (0) 4 Colchester (0) 1
Hamshire — Packer (pen)
Coxhill (pen) 3,779
Coupland (2)
After extra time. Winners away to Southend United

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP: Final (first leg): Middlesbrough 1, Fulham 0.
OTHER MATCH: Manchester United 7, Manchester United (1968) 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop 3, Macclesfield 1.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: London Banks XI [illegible]
[illegible] 2: Shrewsbury 1, Manchester [illegible]

Rugby Union

TOUR MATCH: Western Counties 6, Australians 15.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East Midlands 13, Leicestershire 28; Kent 21, Surrey 12; Middlesex 25, Eastern Counties 6; Sussex 26, Hampshire 17; Staffordshire 6, Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire 24.

Final Midland table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Midlands	5	4	1	0	98	51	9
Warwickshire	5	3	0	1	104	60	8
Leicestershire	5	3	1	1	107	82	7
Notts, Lincs & D	5	2	0	3	90	75	4
Staffordshire	5	1	0	4	46	117	2
East Midlands	5	0	0	5	59	113	0

CLUB MATCHES: Moseley 18, Bridgend 19; Pontypridd 46, Lydney 3.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined London OB 3, United Hospitals 7.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Surrey 3, Brunel 7.

OTHER MATCHES: Bank of England 25, Lloyds Insurance 19; Milton Keynes College 20, Shuttleworth College 3; Royal Engineers 46, Guards Depot 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Belmont Abbey 30, Gowerton 4; Churchers 13, Bembridge 10; Colfe's 23, Purley 12; Deacons Peterborough 86, Norfolk College 0; Duke of York's R.M.S. 22, St Lawrence 12; Durham 47, Barnard Castle 3; Ellesmere 33, Denstone 0; Gravesend 29, Colchester R.G.S. 12; Gresham's 0, Wymondham 16; King's, Bruton 0, King's, Taunton 26; KCS, Wimbledon 32, St. Dunstan's 3; Kingham Hill 46, Bloxham 10; Liverpool 10, Cardinal Allen 3; Loughborough G.S. 24, Mount St Mary's 3; Ottershaw 10, Reed's 16; Plymouth 14, Exeter University III 3; Ratcliffe 18, Magnus G.S. 24; Salvatorian 4, Vyners 59; Seaford 0, Portsmouth G.S. 28; Solihull 0, Bromsgrove 24; Warwick 40, Leamington 10; Wellington (Somerset) 19, West Buckland 0; Whitgift 21, Brighton 12; Wrekin 6, Stoneygate 10.

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Cambridge University 0, Havant 2; Slough 4, Oxford University 1.

Today's fixture

RUGBY UNION: Gloucester v Loughborough Colleges (7.0).

Marsh turns down Villa

Rodney Marsh, the Manchester City and former England forward, has refused to join Aston Villa. He telephoned the club to say that the deal was off. On Tuesday, after talks in Birmingham, he said he would probably sign the following day. He had earlier refused possible moves to the United States and Anderlecht in Belgium. Marsh said yesterday: "It is a very personal problem which I do not want to go into".

Alun Evans and James Cumbes, of Aston Villa, were yesterday involved in talks with Walsall. Evans could not agree terms and the goalkeeper, Cumbes, who is wanted by Walsall on a month's loan, did not sign because of a thigh injury.

Evans, who cost Liverpool £100,000 as a teenager from Wolverhampton, joined Villa for the 1972-73 season, but has not played a league game since April last year. Cumbes lost his place in September when Aston Villa bought John Burridge from Blackpool for £100,000. Walsall have not given up hope of signing either player.

Millwall and Yeovil will stage the second replay of their first round FA Cup tie at Reading next Monday. This was the decision of the FA yesterday when the clubs failed to reach agreement after the 2—2 draw in the first replay.

Conn rejoins training party

The Scottish international Conn has made peace with Tottenham Hotspur and will resume training today. Conn criticized the manager, Terry Neill, for making him only a substitute at Manchester City on Saturday and said he wanted to leave the club.

Mr Neill replied by banning Conn from White Hart Lane and fining him. But now Conn has apologized, Neill has forgiven him and he will rejoin the first team squad. Mr Neill said: "I'm very happy to welcome him back into the fold and I hope now he will be able to settle down. I contacted him this morning and asked him a chat. I realize it takes a lot of courage to back down and apologize."

Conn was upset at being a substitute again for the Manchester City match

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21 pts. £25.50
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Nothing Barred 8 HOMES £1.75
Nothing Barred 5 AWAYS £643.50
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Expenses and Commission for 8th November 1975—33.5%.

LITTLEWOODS POOLS, LIVERPOOL
THIS WEEK LONDON MAN WINS £500,000
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22½ PTS.......£104,081·00
22 PTS..........£3,160·15
21½ PTS..........£806·85
21 PTS..........£157·20
20½ PTS..........£44·70
4 DRAWS........£16·75
10 HOMES........£3·00
4 AWAYS........£85·25
EASIER 6........£28·75
Expenses and Commission 8th Nov. 1975—39·9%

Squash rackets

Swift resigns to take on a wider challenge

Anthony Swift, the Squash Rackets Association's senior national coach, is resigning in order to face broader challenges by taking a job with the Sports Council near his Bedford home early next year.

A Lancashire county player, he moved south to join the SRA as assistant secretary in March, 1968, and became their first national coach in September, 1972.

Mr Swift has concentrated on coordinating the junior game and giving it a structure it previously lacked. "We have got the coaching on the right lines", he says. "We are not there yet. But the basis has been formed."

LONDONDERRY CUP: Second round: Harrow beat Repton, [illegible] (Harrow names first): P. Lowe beat C. Stokes, [illegible]; A. Wollaston beat J. Hings, [illegible]; L. Verney lost to A. Ambrose, [illegible]; C. Ohlson beat G. Grie, [illegible]; M. Richardson beat A. Chapman, 4—9, 9—4, 9—7, 7—9, 9—5.

Tennis

JOHANNESBURG: South African Open: Women's singles: Miss J. [illegible] (US) beat Miss L. Du Pont (US), [illegible]; Miss A. Du Plooy [illegible] Miss Y. Vermaak [illegible]; Miss J. McMillan beat Miss J. Russell (US) [illegible]; Miss S. A. Walsh (US) beat Miss L. Boshoff [illegible]; Charles (GB) [illegible] D. L. Fromholtz (Australia) beat Miss [illegible] Struthers (US) [illegible].
CAPE TOWN: C. Dowdeswell (Rhodesia) beat K. Teller (West Germany) [illegible]; H. J. Pohmann (West Germany) beat G. M. Pasarell (US), 7—6, 6—4.

Barranquilla, Colombia, Nov 26.—Twenty-two foreign golfers, including strong British and American contingents, are expected for the 29th Colombian open golf championship opening here on Sunday.—Reuter.

Motor racing

Fittipaldi eager to put Brazil on world map

Rio de Janeiro, Nov 26.—The former world champion, Emerson Fittipaldi, hopes to boost Brazil's first formula one car into competitive running by the middle of next year and into a top world position within two years.

Commenting on his decision to leave the McLaren team for the virtually unproven Copersucar-Fittipaldi project developed by Wilson, his brother, Emerson said that he realized it would be difficult at the start. But the man who has won the world championship twice said he was realizing a life-long dream by driving a Brazilian car.

"I am aware that I will virtually have no chance of winning the world title next season", he said. "Whenever one pilots a new car the results are unpredictable. It will be a very difficult beginning, but I am very enthusiastic and I am certain that with everybody's effort we will have the first positive results in the second half of next year. I think that in the medium term of one or two years Brazil will have one of the best formula one teams in the world."

Fittipaldi's decision to sign the contract with Copersucar for what he said was the same amount of money he received from McLaren, Marlboro and Texaco takes his elder brother, Wilson, out of the driving seat. Wilson has nursed the Fitti-1, sponsored by a cooperative of sugar producers, from the drawing board to the race track, winning ninth position in this year's United States Grand Prix.

He will become the manager of the team. Emerson will be number one driver.

Rugby Union

Fiercest pressure yet overcome

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

W Counties 6 Australians 15

In the first half at Bristol last night the Australians lived precariously. Only their wits and their sterling defence enabled them to withstand what I suspect was the fiercest pressure they have yet faced on their tour. But, quite against the run of the play, they snatched a precious try out of thin air and, with a 4—3 lead at the interval, crossed over to score twice more in rapid succession at the start of the second period. The battle continued fiercely and honestly to the end but by then the Australians had control of their destiny and Western Counties, making too many distribution and handling errors in a late rally, were left to regret how they had failed to capitalize on all their early possession. Butler, their full back, had six chances of kicking goals in the first half but succeeded only once.

The Australians won in the end by a penalty goal and three tries to two penalty goals. Western Counties all but scored a try at the climax when, from a switch in the loose, Morley lay the ball back for Butler to go over as he was crashed into the flag by McLean. The referee, Mr Selwyn Lewis, signalled a try but at once changed his decision when the touch judge, Michael Titcomb, indicated that it had to be a 25 drop-out.

Once the Australians had reached calmer waters, and obtained some ball to play with, there was no question that their back division looked a much surer and more creative combination. A sharper and more confident Wright encouragingly had his best game so far, and Batch several times went past or through Morley's tackles—an item that may not be overlooked by the England selectors present. The flanker Pearse had an outstanding game.

The result no doubt seemed an injustice to a Western Counties pack wherein Pullin took the tight heads 4—0, although the Wallabies scrummaged soundly enough in the later stages. The mistakes, however, proliferated on the fringes and, further away, it was proved how hard the game can be if the basics are not faithfully adhered to.

In front of a capacity house on a clear, mild evening, Western Counties turned a warm and immediate screw. Pullin won the first two scrummages off Australian put-ins, Horton's high kick from the first having McLean in trouble, and Harding missing a drop attempt after Rollitt had set up a ruck from the second. Horton, who also had missed another drop when Fidler won a lineout, saw no reason to refrain from giving McLean several repeats of the same medicine. Butler twice went extremely close with long range penalties and then, after being on the receiving end of a late tackle from Tony Shaw, pulled a much shorter kick when still feeling groggy.

The Australians seemingly living on borrowed time, and only once in their opponents' half in the first 25 minutes, then landed their unexpected counter-punch. Fay won a Counties throw on his own 10 yards line. McLean achieved an incisive break at outside centre, Batch kicked ahead and Pearse's speed just won a desperate race for the touchdown.

The Australians soon were defending the last ditch again. Butler missed two more kicks. McLean had one charged down by Carter. When his side was apprehended at a ruck close to the line, Butler came in from a tapped penalty only give a poor pass to Morley, who looked to be set clear but had to check, and come inside, where the cover nailed him.

Had McLean landed a very kickable penalty on a fleeting Australian visit into their opponents' 25, Counties would have felt their was not justice in the world whatever. Another penalty miss by McLean prefaced a very different story now. Batch returned Hazzard's loose defensive kick with a shrewder one, the Australians rucked it back, and, although Berne could not control his pass to Ryan in a fierce tackle, the left wing picked it up beautifully and his strength took him over from 20 yards. Two minutes' later Wright's nicely timed pass to Batch, and another from Batch to Berne, had the fair-haired centre clean away on the right. When Berne was cut off by the corner Cornelsen steamed up for a scoring pass on the inside and grounded behind the posts, from one of which McLean's attempted conversion then rebounded.

When Fay was penalized after a lineout, his apparent comment to the referee cost 10 yards and three points from Butler's boot. This was Butler's second success in eight attempts. When Butler sinned at a scrummage, his subsequent reaction led to exactly the same retribution—but this time penalty by Batch, straight, from [illegible] yards.

WESTERN COUNTIES: P. Butler (Gloucester); R. Carter (Bristol), [illegible] Williams (Gloucester), [illegible] (Weston-super-Mare), A. [illegible] (Bristol); J. P. Horton (Bath), [illegible] Harding (Bristol); B. Nelmes (Cardiff), J. V. Pullin (Bristol, captain), [illegible] A. Burton (Gloucester), J. [illegible] (Gloucester), S. Davies (Bristol), [illegible] Watkins (Gloucester), D. M. [illegible] (Bristol), M. Rafter (Bristol).

AUSTRALIANS: P. E. McLean; J. [illegible] Ryan, J. Berne, G. A. Shaw (captain), P. G. Batch, K. J. Wright, [illegible] Hauser, S. G. MacDougall, C. M. [illegible]harry, J. E. C. Meadows, G. Fay, R. A. Smith, G. K. Pearse, G. Cornelsen, A. A. Shaw.

Referee: M. S. Lewis (Wales).

Middlesex should sparkle again under floodlights

By Peter Marson

Middlesex 25 Eastern Counties 6

Middlesex made so devastating a beginning at Richmond Athletic Ground yesterday that their fourth success in the south-eastern division of the county rugby championship could be pencilled in after 12 minutes, by which time they had scored 11 pts. At half time, when Middlesex led by 21-3, it was certain that Eastern Counties would end a damp, raw day, defeated and probably deflated.

So it was, for although Middlesex scored only four points to three in the second half, by no-side theirs had been a convincing victory by four tries and three penalty goals to two penalty goals. Middlesex are a powerful side forward and aft. They have a formidable record and seem to possess a confidence and a healthy belief in themselves that give them the look of champions. With Middlesex having turned aside last season's finalists, only Surrey, who fell for the first time yesterday, stand in Middlesex's path.

To see this matter resolved we shall have to wait a fortnight, but it will be a surprise if Rosslyn Park floodlights at Roehampton fail to pick out the ebullience, sparkle and flair in Middlesex's performance. A success that night would bring them a 100 per cent record and the divisional championship. Presumably they will also have added to a mountain of points, standing presently at 178 to 13.

Middlesex's initial assault yesterday made one wonder whether Eastern Counties would be demolished as Hampshire had been [illegible] tries. Now he led off with a sparkling try in the second minute of the match. From a ruck on the right the wily and industrious Lawson put in a neat diagonal kick and Birkett in the centre accelerated to catch the ball on the full. A timely pass from the Scottish centre was all that was needed to put Rees away on a breathtaking sprint for the line and a fine try.

In quick time Lawson scored a second try and Whibley landed the first of three penalty goals before Rees's second try on the stroke of half-time. Eastern Counties's reply had been a simple penalty goal by Woodward. As Middlesex relaxed in the second period so Eastern Counties, striving for better things, fought determinedly and stolidly. Yet a second penalty goal by Woodward was to be their only reward, and in a late rally Middlesex kicked into gear to send Ripley in for a fourth try.

MIDDLESEX: Whibley (Richmond); C. W. Lambert (Harlequins), G. A. Birkett (London Scottish), A. P. Friell (London Scottish), H. E. Rees (Borough Road College); R. Wilson (London Scottish), A. J. Lawson (London Scottish); R. L. Barlow (Rosslyn Park), R. L. Clark (London Scottish), M. F. Claxton (Harlequins), R. W. J. Wright (London Scottish), G. W. Ralston (Richmond), A. Alexander (Harlequins), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), R. J. Mordell (Rosslyn Park).

EASTERN COUNTIES: A. M. Jorden (Bedford); M. P. Bulpitt (Rosslyn Park), I. Vinter (Saracens), C. Woodward (Loughborough Colleges), D. J. K. McKay (Rosslyn Park); P. L. Byrne (Rosslyn Park), T. O'Hanlon (Richmond); K. O. Cairns (Saracens), G. R. Swainston (Blackheath), C. J. Ballward (Bedford), N. O. Martin (Harlequins), A. K. Rodgers (Rosslyn Park), P. Harding (Bedford), A. L. Bucknall (Richmond), A. T. Hollins (Bedford).

Referee: D. Swadling (Devon).

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesex	4	4	0	178	13	8
Surrey	4	3	1	114	43	6
E Counties	4	2	2	89	62	4
Kent	4	2	2	63	81	4
Sussex	4	1	3	40	170	2
Hampshire	4	0	4	41	156	0

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Having broken new ground with their fixture against Oxford this month Durham University have arranged a home game with Cambridge University on a Saturday in January, 1977. This is another fillip for UAU football, for Durham beat Oxford.

Other UAU sides, notably Loughborough Colleges, whose record entitles them to put in a strong claim, will be pursuing fixtures with Oxford and Cambridge, at least in the second part of the season, with greater zeal than ever. It is understandable that Oxford and Cambridge should want to preserve their traditional fixtures in the Michaelmas term. Oxford found time this season to help Durham celebrate their centenary, but, if this fixture should be repeated it seems more likely to be slotted in after Christmas.

Kent gain control from lineout and loose

By Gordon Allan

Kent 21 Surrey 12

Surrey's hopes of winning the south-eastern division of the county rugby championship are dwindling. Kent beat them by two goals and three penalty goals to four penalty goals at Maidstone yesterday, and all now depends on Surrey's match against Middlesex under the Rosslyn Park floodlights on December 10.

Kent played well and Surrey badly. There were no two ways about that. Kent provided their backs with good, controlled possession from lineout and loose. Surrey, by and large, provided what one of their officials called rubbish, and even taking four heels *against* the head at the set scrummages by dint of their weight advantage, did them no good. Kent were quicker of foot and thought, too. It was no surprise, therefore, that Surrey showed signs of disintegration towards the end. Purdy, Naish and Tikoisuva were among the few to rise above mediocrity.

Bushell kicked three penalties for Kent and Simmons three for Surrey in the first half. Simmons also missed a couple which suggested that he was not going to tot up anything like the record 39 points he scored against Sussex. He came in yesterday as a last-minute replacement, as he had done against Sussex.

Kent scored their first try five minutes before half time. Hartley, a great success at scrum half, collared Weston at a set scrummage on Kent's 10-yard line. The ball trickled back to Ubee who stole round the forwards and started running down the middle of the field, presumably more in hope than expectation. Finding that [illegible] attempt until he had scored. Bushell converted, off the far post.

Kent continued to look the more aggressive and better drilled team in the second half. Surrey have a reputation for finding their form the longer the game lasts. That was what they *did* against Eastern Counties. But they were not permitted to do it now, even though, because of concussion, Kent had to replace Mort with Williamson, 20 minutes before no-side.

Simmons kicked another penalty for Surrey when there were fewer than 10 minutes to go, so that the score became 15-12 to Kent; an obvious springboard for the unexpected. Moments later, however, Surrey were done for. One of their more concerted attacks came to an abrupt and desolating end on Kent's 10-yard line with an interception by Hudson, who ran away to score between the posts. Bushell put the seal on an admirable individual performance by converting.

KENT: K. Bushell (Harlequins, captain); D. Sibley (Sidcup), A. Mort (Richmond); sub. I. Williamson (Blackheath), T. Hudson (Blackheath), R. Yetton (Blackheath); P. Ubee (Blackheath), J. Hartley (Loughborough Colleges); C. Smart (Newport), Murphy (Sidcup), A. Totter (Blackheath), F. McCarthy (Blackheath), A. Patrick (Metropolitan Police), S. Oliver (Coventry), E. Bancil (Rosslyn Park), A. Scott (Wasps).

SURREY: R. H. Halls (Harlequins); R. McGrath (Richmond), D. Simmons (Rosslyn Park), P. Grat (Harlequins), R. Hammond (Harlequins); B. Tikoisuva (Harlequins), L. Weston (Rosslyn Park); P. Hinton (Rosslyn Park, captain), I. Smith (Rosslyn Park), J. Shortland (Richmond), N. Mantell (Rosslyn Park), S. Purdy (Harlequins), J. Lugo (Harlequins), R. Naish (Blackheath), P. Hern (Richmond).

Referee: D. C. Jardin (Cornwall).

Sussex 26 Hampshire 17

Sussex left Hampshire firmly holding the south-east group's wooden spoon with a scrappy victory at Chichester. Both sides struggled to find any degree of fluency. It was a match littered with penalties and mistakes.

Sussex, however, deserved their win on the strength of a grandstand finish which produced four tries in the last quarter of an hour. For Sussex, Rudd, Harker, Powell and Coombe scored tries, Robinson converting two and also kicking two penalty goals. Hampshire's try scorers were Jones and Jeffries, Fyatt landing three penalty goals.

SUSSEX: Robinson (Brighton); C. Vernon (Cowborough), S. Beamish (Crowborough), L. Coombes (Worthing), J. Parker (Rosslyn Park); P. Tyrell (Lewes), P. Philp (Richmond); R. Pearce Esher, D. Attwood (Lewes, captain), J. Rudd (Old Millhillians), [illegible] (Chichester), B. [illegible] (Brighton), E. Powell (Lewes), B. York (Cawley), M. Patching (Eastbourne).

HAMPSHIRE: G. Baker (Trojans); M. Collis (London Irish), G. Jeffries (Havant), A. Jones (US Portsmouth, captain), L. Angel (Winchester); P. Ryatt (Tottonians), J. Galloway (Esher), M. Morris (Basingstoke), R. Smith (US Portsmouth), L. Gray (Basingstoke), M. Ridley (Richmond), A. Jiley (Havant), R. Castle (Havant), P. Reid (Richmond), M. Mench (Eastleigh).

Referee: D. Thomas (North Midlands).

Swansea's five Welsh international rugby players, Blyth, Llewellyn, Wheel, Evans and Mervyn Davies, are all in the team to play the Australians on Saturday.

Losers score the best try

Staffordshire 6 Notts, Lincs and Derby 24

Staffordshire, missing their Moseley regulars, Cooper and Webster, were inferior to Notts, Lincs and Derby in their Midland group match at Burton last night. The winners, with their pack well led by Baynes, the team captain, dominated all the set pieces and kept most of the play confined to the Staffordshire half.

Yet Staffordshire produced the best effort when Arched and Wilson sent Thompson, a wing, away in his own 25. He beat the entire defence for a magnificent try under the posts. Green converted.

Relentlessly, Notts Lincs and Derby maintained their pressure and Staffordshire cracked as scores came at regular intervals. Lampkowski and Baynes both scored tries, Latter kicked three penalty goals and two conversions, and Williams a dropped goal.

STAFFORDSHIRE: W. Tranter (Wolverhampton); E. Field (Walsall), R. Wilson (Nuneaton), D. Lynn (Madeley Colleges), D. Thompson (Morley); N. Archer (Moseley), M. Green (Stafford), R. McAlpine (Nuneaton), A. Brindley (Moseley), G. Staley (Liverpool University), M. Brown (Burton), R. Ellis (Stoke), J. Edwards (Burton), L. Robinson (Walsall, capt), S. Skibicki (Stafford).

NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBY: M. Latter (Notts); R. Cooper (Notts), A. Ashor (Boston), R. Small (Derby), I. Wood (Notts); J. Williams (Spalding), M. Lampkowski (Headingley); J. Pearce (Notts), J. Elliott (Notts), W. Dickenson (Richmond), A. Sansom (Notts), R. Matson (Notts), K. Douglas (Loughborough Colleges), C. Baynes (Notts, Captain), I. Clayton (Notts).

Referee: M. Parker (Royal Navy).

No point for E Midlands

East Midlands 13 Leicestershire 28

Leicestershire completed their county championship programme with a fine victory over East Midlands at Northampton last night. East Midlands finished bottom of the Midland group without having gained a single point.

East Midlands started brightly and within four minutes scored a try through Bignell. They kept in front for nearly half an hour, but Leicestershire improved steadily and Wheeler got a try. Barker put them in front with a penalty and just before half-time Adey scored a second Leicestershire try, which Barker converted.

In the second half, George ran in for a try for East Midlands. Carter, who converted also kicked a penalty. But Leicestershire scored another two tries through Adey, and Barker, who had earlier kicked his second penalty, converted both.

EAST MIDLANDS: P. Ward (Huntingdon); P. Bignell (Northampton), N. French (Wasps), D. Clarke (Northampton), B. Oldham (Northampton); P. Carter (Northampton), I. George (Northampton); L. Brookes (Kettering), C. Sexton (Northampton), R. Carrington (Huntingdon), G. Right (Northampton), I. Lutter (Northampton), P. Sweet (Northampton), V. Cannon (Northampton), G. Phillips (captain, Northampton).

LEICESTERSHIRE: P. Dodge (Leicester); J. Reeves (Leicester), B. Jones (Leicester), W. Kurley (Loughborough), R. Barker (Leicester); R. McMichael (Westleigh), D. Cavicks (Westleigh); M. Green (Westleigh), P. Wheeler (Leicester, captain), N. Biswell (Westleigh), B. Macor (Loughborough), E. Gregory (Tilworth), C. Barker (Westleigh), G. Adey (Leicester), D. Forfar (Leicester).

Referee: M. Fisk (Yorkshire).

Cricket

W Indies to belie the evidence of the rubbers

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

There never can have been more farflung interest in an approaching Test series than in the one starting in Brisbane tomorrow between Australia and West Indies. For some weeks cricketers in England have been looking forward to it as enthusiastically as if the Ashes were at stake.

In one corner are Australia, unbeaten in their last seven rubbers and still with the same pair of fast bowlers, Thomson and Lillee, who paralysed England from Brisbane to Perth and back to Sydney last winter. In the other are the one-day champions of the world, a collection of brilliant yet unpredictable players, including, in Anderson Roberts, a potentially devastating answer to Thomson and Lillee. When the Australian tour to South Africa, scheduled for this winter, was called off, for political reasons, Australia against West Indies in Australia was a natural replacement.

Historically Australia have usually come out on top, even when West Indies have had a good side. When, for example, the three "W's" were in their prime, Australia invariably won, in spite of Walcott, in one series, scoring five separate hundreds. When Worrell was given charge the same thing happened, although it was hard to accept that either side was the loser in Australia in 1960-61 when Worrell and Benaud were the captains and one great match followed another. The only series which West Indies have actually won was in West Indies in 1964-65; a bitter fight it was, too, with Benaud, by then a critic, pointing an accusing finger at the West Indian, Griffith, and branding him a thrower.

If anyone excels at taking advantage of the flaws in the West Indian temperament it seems to be Australia. Were they still under the command of Ian Chappell I would take them to win again now. As it is, it looks as open as could be. Australia are short enough of good reserves, as we saw out there earlier this year when England won the sixth Test match by an innings. The loss of Walters, possibly from the first two Test matches, could be costly. West Indies, on the other hand, take the field at Brisbane without having faced bowling of anything like the same pace and hostility as they will there.

The corresponding match at Brisbane a year ago produced the most perilous cricket I have watched. By bowling bouncer after bouncer on the first day, on a wickedly ill-prepared pitch, Willis and Lever issued an open invitation to Thomson and Lillee to do the same. As a result the aircraft carrying the England team to Perth for the second Test match should have had a red cross on it, there were so many injured players on board. The chances are, I suppose, that with Roberts in the opposition the pitches will be less resilient now than they were then. The umpires, too, may be expected to cope more knowledgeably with short-pitched bowling. Did you see, by the way, that Deryck Murray, the West Indian wicketkeeper, said he had to stand a good yard farther back at Sydney, against New South Wales, to Holding than he did to Roberts? Holding is a raw Jamaican, and the West Indians are more practised in the art of propaganda than they used to be.

The build-up to the Test matches has been much as it was 12 months ago, even to the controversy surrounding the Brisbane pitch. Yet what happens against Queensland or New South Wales or Victoria in the first weeks of a tour seldom means much when the series itself begins. Although he took 11 wickets against Queensland last weekend, confounding the batsmen with his unorthodox left arm spin, there is no certainty that Inshan Ali will so much as play in the Test matches. When West Indies, Australia and England come face to face these days the emphasis, nine times out of ten, is on speed.

It is not generally realised, I think, just what sort of a game it is that these two sides are about to play, or just how much strain emotionally and physically, the players will be subjected to. Among ball games nothing is more hazardous, or more demanding of courage, than to confront a truly fast bowler with his tail up, on a treacherous pitch and with the ball whistling round the batsman's ears. The effects of a cricket ball hitting you on the jaw at 90 miles an hour are likely to last a lot longer than an upper cut landing in the same place from George Foreman. Some show their apprehension against bowling of this kind more than others but no one likes it.

The most spectacular batting is sure to come from West Indies. They will field better, too, especially now that Ross Edwards has retired. You will remember how no fewer than five Australians were run out in their World Cup final against West Indies at Lord's last June. In depth of batting West Indies also have the edge. Going in at No. 9 for them could well be someone worth a place at six or seven in most sides.

Where Australia have an advantage is in playing at home, before their own hugely partisan crowds, and in being less volatile. They are not so prone to injury either (especially the more imaginary ones) as the West Indians. Even so, as long as they get away from Brisbane with body and soul intact, unlike England this time last year, I just about expect West Indies to be the winners, come the end of two wonderful months of cricket.

John Woodcock will be reporting the series from the start of the second Test match in Perth on December 12.

Brisbane, Nov 26.—The saga of the Brisbane cricket pitch took another twist here today with the first Test between Australia and the West Indies less than 48 hours away. Last night rain flooded the protective barriers surrounding the pitch and water seeped under the covers.

The damage has forced the groundsman, Clem Jones, who is a city alderman, to move the Test strip 12 feet, but it could still leave a nasty wet patch just outside the leg stump at one end. "It should be an extremely interesting pitch," Mr Jones said, in what could prove to be a masterpiece of understatement.

The irrepressible Mr Jones is considering the use of a helicopter to dry the pitch if further rain falls. "I can't think of a better way to dry out the ground," he said. He has already used a kitchen knife to pierce the pitch in an attempt to speed up drying—a move viewed with some concern by the West Indies captain, Clive Lloyd. "There are undulations throughout the pitch," Lloyd said. "This is not good for a Test wicket."

But one bright spot for Lloyd is that the pitch will almost certainly favour Inshan Ali, the left arm spin bowler. Inshan took 11 Queensland wickets on an adjacent pitch last weekend.

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Motor rallying



Timo Makinen (right) and his co-driver, Henry Liddon, celebrate with champagne after winning this year's RAC rally.

Makinen and Clark fill top places in RAC rally despite oil leaks

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent

Despite a serious oil leak, which threatened his chances during the final stages, Timo Makinen, the 37-year-old Finn, won the Royal Automobile Club Rally of Great Britain yesterday for the third successive year.

He arrived at the finishing line at York racecourse in his Ford Escort 73 seconds ahead of Roger Clark, of Britain, who had been gaining on him steadily on the way down from Scotland. The Londoner, Tony Fowkes, came third to complete a one-two-three for the Escort.

Makinen described the final stages as "very rough and tough". His oil leak developed during the first section in Northumberland and his engine had to be topped up at the end of each stage to keep him in the race. His third victory running equals the feat of the Swedish driver, Erik Carlsson, from 1960 to 1962.

Clark had also been in trouble with a broken rear axle, which was leaking oil, and he said afterwards: "We feel extremely lucky to have finished". Clark's placing gained him the RAC Rally Championship, the Great Britain Rally being the final round of the 10-event contest. He gained 69 points, seven more than Billy Coleman, the champion, who was sixth.

The most courageous display of the rally came from the Swede, Bjorn Waldegaard. His Lancia Stratos broke a drive shaft on Sunday while he was in the lead and he dropped down to 10th place. But he pulled his battered car back to seventh position at the finish, only to be disqualified for being 65 minutes late at a timed section near Mansfield on Sunday.

More than 10,000 spectators, the largest crowd to assemble at the finish of an international rally, were at York to watch the cars come in. They saw six British cars—including five Escorts—and five British drivers in the top 10 positions. Of the 236 starters, only 104 cars completed the 1,800-mile route.

The British domination of the event could have been even greater but for the retirement in the early morning of Russell Brookes, another Escort driver, who was in third place. Chris Sclater, who had been lying fifth in his Toyota with only five stages to go, spun off the road and was delayed for an hour. He continued in the rally, but could only finish 23rd.

Next year, the RAC rally headquarters will be moved to Bath to promote interest in the west country. York has hosted the rally for the last four years.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, T. Makinen (Finland), Escort, 6hr 44sec; 2, R. Clark (GB), Escort, 6hr 1min 57sec; 3, A. Fowkes (GB), Escort, 6:6:11; 4, A. Pond (GB), Opel, 6:12:26; 5, E. Aaby (Norway), Escort, 6:14:14; 6, W. Coleman (GB), Escort, 6:16:38; 7, B. Nilsson (Sweden), Opel, 6:17:52; 8, M. Verini (Italy), Fiat, 6:17:54; 9, W. Sparrow (GB), Vauxhall, 6:18:07; 10, S. Lampinen (Finland), Lancia, 6:18:59; 11, H. Kallstrom (Sweden), Datsun, 6:20:11; 12, A. Dawson (GB), Datsun, 6:22:02.

Boxing

America's dismal display leads to tougher line

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

Mr J. Onslow Fane, the president of the British Boxing Board of Control, is to insist upon a much more stringent investigation into the records of overseas boxers visiting this country. His decision follows the dismal showing of Jerry Krueger, of the United States, against the British lavy-weight champion, Richard Dunn, at the Albert Hall on Tuesday evening.

Mr Fane was the steward in charge at the promotion in which Dunn knocked out Krueger in the third round after the American had shown little real aggression and was soundly booed by the crowd as he left the ring. Yesterday Mr Fane told me: "We shall have to be much more careful in future when it comes to examining possible opponents from other countries. There was nothing we could do at the time. Krueger was bloody had but he took a beating and he was knocked out. Now we have to look ahead."

When the British Board meet next month it is obvious that the Dunn-Krueger contest will be discussed by their members. But before then it is likely that, through Mr Fane, they will make their concern and displeasure felt in writing to the Albert Hall promoter, Michael Barrett, and his match maker, Mickey Duff. The Board have the power to call up these two licence holders before then but yesterday Mr Fane said he had not made up his mind about taking such a step.

He did add, however: "The match maker is the prime mover in these matters. He has the chief responsibility. We do examine the records of visiting boxers before agreeing to Krueger was it really obvious that with many knockouts to his credit. Incidentally I did not read any criticism of the match in the press before it took place. The real problem is our lack of close contact with the many American State Commissions, who in any case do not often administrate the sport with our kind of firm control."

Since I did suggest in my preview to the Dunn-Krueger match that the American had an in-and-out record, I was not as surprised as some by his apathetic showing. If the board really want to have closer scrutiny of visiting boxers I suggest they employ the services of Mr Eric Armit, a London businessman who collects not only records but also on "the" spot press descriptions of overseas bouts. In his news sheet to me, Mr Armit left no doubt in my mind that Krueger was limited in ability, though he obviously could not predict the American's almost complete lack of will to win.

The crux of the matter is that British boxing promoters, so close to scraping the barrel at the moment, are still determined that it is the heavyweights who are the big sellers. That may be true when we think of Ali or Frazier, but not when we have someone of the comparative ineptitude of Dunn or Danny McAlinden. In Britain it is about time that we forgot the "big boys" and concentrate on what talent there is, among no more than 340 active professional boxers, in the lighter divisions. You cannot fool all the people all of the time.

Stracey told any 'local decision' would be revoked

Mexico City, Nov 26.—Ramon Velazquez told Stracey, of Britain, against local prejudice if he agrees to meet the world welterweight champion, José Napoles, under Mexican conditions.

"The WBC will not allow a 'local decision'", Mr Velazquez said: "We will revoke the decision if necessary and have another fight. We've done it before." The move was seen as one of the last to save the contest, which has been subject to endless arguments since it was first planned several months ago.

Mr Velazquez said he would make such assurances to Mickey Duff, Stracey's representative, who has demanded a neutral referee and a Mexican and English judge for the bout, scheduled for December 6. WBC rules stipulate that a neutral team of officials must sit in at all title bouts. But the local federal district boxing commission does not accept the ruling because of a riot caused by a "neutral" referee some years back.

Napoles's adviser, Alejandro Murga, said on Monday that the 35-year-old Cuban Mexican champion will not box if Mr Duff gets his way and "if any more favouritism is shown Stracey". The last word will come from the commission's president, Luis Spota.

"He is a very stubborn man and I'm positive he won't allow a neutral jury to come here", Mr Velazquez said. He added that as a last resort he would propose to the WBC congress, starting in Tunisia, on December 1, that the local boxing commission order Mr Duff to accept a local jury "just this once".

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Hockey

No holding Slough when the mood moves them

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By Sydney Friskin

Slough 4 Oxford Univ 1

Few hockey clubs can match the skills of Slough when they are in the mood to use them. Their prosperity in the London League was maintained with their victory over Oxford University yesterday, their fifth in six matches.

With speed one of their main assets, allied to the brilliant stickwork of Saini, Ahmed and Khehar, Slough gained ascendancy over a side that came back strongly shortly before the interval to reduce Slough's 2—0 lead with a brilliant short-corner conversion by Hobkirk.

Oxford were somewhat handicapped by the absence of Featherstone, one of their best defenders, who was on the sideline with an injured foot. But Slough seemed the more likely to suffer from injuries when Parris took a heavy blow on the arm before the game was five minutes old. Then they lost Egerton, their Scottish outside-right, who suffered a serious injury in a collision and had to leave the field. Slough seemed a little short-staffed for this emergency and it was some minutes before Mitchell emerged from the pavilion as a reinforcement.

By that time Slough had taken the lead through Churcher, who converted a short corner with a powerful shot. Then Goulty, one of the main props in Oxford's three-man middle line, injured a knee and this caused another hold-up. When Goulty recovered his composure Oxford raised their game and forced a short corner which was wasted because of their inability to control a bouncing ball.

At the other end Saini went through with a dazzling piece of stickwork which left the Oxford defence spellbound and a deft flick of the wrist sent the ball flashing into the net. Oxford bit back almost immediately with Watson putting in some splendid work on the left. When he was obstructed inside the circle Oxford earned a short corner. The ball was well stopped by Hardman at the top of the circle and Hobkirk, their captain, scored with a strong drive along the ground.

If Churcher had not put his stick in the way of another hit from a short corner by Hobkirk, Oxford might well have been on level terms at the interval. Their hopes faded about midway in the second half when Slough gathered their resources for another combined assault. Ahmed's stick was played down inside the circle and Saini converted the penalty stroke. This goal was scored after both Hobkirk and Saini were shown yellow cards, which meant that they had to leave the field for five minutes after a midfield flare-up.

In spite of their setback Oxford kept trying to break through, with Draper providing the inspiration from the middle, and Pouncey and Hobkirk from behind. But there was little they could do to supress Slough's powers of acceleration and in the closing minutes Ahmed scored the fourth goal to give Slough a convincing victory.

SLOUGH: D. Jackson; M. J. Parris (captain), A. Churcher, J. F. Brindley, S. S. Khehar, J. R. Murdoch, J. Allen, M. Egerton (sub, J. Mitchell), S. Collins, B. Saini, M. Ahmed.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: J. Brown (RGS Newcastle and Nuffield); C. M. G. Pouncey (Marlborough and Wycliffe), P. J. Hardman (King's, Macclesfield and St Peter's), A. A. Hobkirk (British Columbia University and Jesus), D. Norfolk (Kent College and Balliol), B. Wells (Colston, Bristol and Wadham), A. Draper (Natal University and Pembroke), C. Goulty (Bootham and Corpus Christi), S. Bishop (Marlborough and University), M. Precious (Scarborough College and St Edmund Hall), J. Watson (Magdalen CS and University).
Umpires: S. Brown and K. Brine (Southern Counties).
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Golf

Repeat of club professionals' international

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The team match between the club professionals of Great Britain and the United States, which was held in this country for the first time last month, will be repeated next year. Slazengers and Rank Xerox, who in their national pro-am event have always put emphasis on the club professional, are staging the event.

As a preparation they have taken over the club professional championship and doubled the prize money to £10,000. There will also be area qualifying tournaments for the championship. This will meet the criticism that this year's method of team selection depended on one event alone, with the element of chance involved.

Altogether about £20,000 will be devoted to the interests of the club professional. The match against the United States was first held in America for two years before coming here. The Americans have won each time.

JOHANNESBURG: South African PGA tournament: 66, D. Hayes; 67, D. Malkovich, A. Henning; 68, G. Player, T. Claassens, R. Waltman (Rhodesia); 69, L. Trevino (US).

World record holders clash

Wellington, Nov 26.—Filbert Bayi, of Tanzania, the world record holder over 1,500 metres, will clash with New Zealand's John Walker, holder of the world mile record, in an 800 metres event here on January 24. Bayi and a team of Tanzanians will arrive in New Zealand next month for a series of meetings.—Reuter.

Racing

No despondency in the champion's camp

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Instead of going to Haydock Park to watch Bula win the Sundew Steeplechase, Fred Winter chose to come to Ascot. Those who interpreted his presence there as a tip were rewarded with the sight of Wayward Scot winning the Home Park Novices' Steeplechase and at least 9-4 to their money. Being a half-brother to Cuckolder and out of Wayward Damsel, who was herself a good steeplechaser, Wayward Scot was bred for the job. But he still had to be taught, and right well has he learnt, judged by his performance yesterday.

As far as I could see he erred only once in this his first steeplechase. Otherwise his jumping reflected great credit on Winter and those who have schooled him at home. Yesterday Robert Kington gave Wayward Scot a lovely ride and vice versa. Wayward Scot was always going and jumping better than Ghost Writer. Yet, Winter is adamant that although he is rising seven years old, Wayward Scot still needs time. He is, in the opinion of his trainer, still mentally and physically immature. Nevertheless there was a lot to like about the way that he won yesterday when unquestionably he looked a horse with a good future.

After seeing Wayward Scot win Winter shed some fresh light on Lanzarote's future. He said that he does not see much point in taking Comedy of Errors on again until the Champion Hurdle. So that means that the former champion hurdler is likely to run next in the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot on December 13 rather than at Cheltenham a week earlier. The camp to which Comedy of Errors belongs have already stared their intention to run at Cheltenham.

After watching Biram Maxim win the Copper Horse Handicap Hurdle yesterday, Fred Rimell's wife, Mercy, told me that they were far from despondent even though Comedy of Errors was beaten by Night Nurse in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle last Saturday. In Mrs Rimell's view four things favoured Night Nurse that day—the weights, the ground, fitness, and the small size of the field. "I am not saying that Night Nurse is not a good horse", she went on, "he is. But I do think that it will be a different story when he and Comedy of Errors meet again at Cheltenham in March."

Flash Imp, who finished second in the Champion Hurdle earlier this year, runs for the first time this season at Wincanton today. It will also be the first time that he has run for his new trainer, Martin Tate, who has certainly found the right race for him. Consider the conditions. They restrict the race to five-year-olds and older horses who have been placed in any hurdle race before November 2. Only a horse that has won after November 1 is penalized.

So, here we have Flash Imp, who won the Berkshire Hurdle at Newbury and the New Year's Day Hurdle at Windsor last winter before he finished second in the Champion Hurdle, on the same mark as horses to whom he would be giving lumps of weight if this were a handicap. Even Tip the Wink who won three races in succession, including the Wills Hurdle at Haydock Park last winter before he finished fourth in the Schweppes Gold Trophy, was set to receive 15 lb from Flash Imp when the weights were published for Saturday's Benson and Hedges Handicap Hurdle. Yet, today he is receiving only 2 lb from Flash Imp.

A course as sharp as Wincanton is not ideal for Flash Imp, who is an out and out stayer, but it goes against the grain to oppose him all the same. Prince Eleigh, who ran the race of his life against Lanzarote and Comedy of Errors in the Kirk and Kirk Hurdle at Ascot earlier this month, is my selection to win the Stayers Handicap Hurdle.

STATE OF GOING (official): Haydock Park: steeplechase course, GOOD, except final two furlongs FIRM; Hurdles course, GOOD TO FIRM, except final three furlongs, FIRM. Warwick: GOOD TO FIRM. Wincanton: GOOD. Sandown Park (tomorrow): GOOD TO FIRM. Market Rasen (tomorrow): GOOD.

Duboff gets top weight but no trip to America

Plans to send the 1976 Lincoln Handicap top weight, Duboff, to race in America have been abandoned. She stays in training with Barry Hills next year, Mr C. Radcliffe, the owner, said yesterday. "We have made the best decision and I am very glad because I would have been unable to see Duboff race in America."

The Lambourn filly was unbeaten in nine races in this country during 1975, when her only defeats came in Ireland and France. She has been allotted 10 st in the list of weights for the 1976 Irish Sweeps Lincoln published yesterday. The main handicap will be run at Doncaster on March 27. Duboff is now enjoying a winter rest at the Aston Upthorpe Stud in Berkshire.

Dave Hanley's Lottery, the 33-1 winner of the Cambridgeshire, has been given 8 st 12lb. Southwark Star, after 20-1 when winning the 1975 Lincoln, has an extra 6lb next year at 8 st 12lb. Dawlish and Kenpau, third and fourth, [illegible] Southwark Star, receive differing treatment.

The weights are: [illegible]

'Big black cat' purrs smoothly to victory

By Michael Seely

Bula sweeping to an effortless victory in the Sundew Steeplechase at Haydock Park yesterday afternoon established himself as an outstanding contender for the King George VI Steeplechase and once again for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Although there were only four runners yesterday their proud tally of great races won between them included two Champion Hurdles by Bula, two Grand Nationals by Red Rum, and two National Hunt Two Mile Champion Steeplechases by Royal Relief.

With no jockey anxious to make the running, Red Rum led Kilvulgan at a steady gallop on the first circuit. Racing to the 11th fence Stack on Red Rum started to increase the pace. King sent Royal Relief up to join Kilvulgan and the battle was joined in earnest. At the next fence Bula made his only mistake getting too close to the obstacle. Jumping the first fence in the straight, the third from home, Royal Relief went to the front. Kilvulgan started to weaken and it was also clear that Red Rum was only staying on at his own pace.

Racing to the last Bula moved up smoothly with Francome crouched low on his back, the pair looking like some huge black cat contentedly stalking its prey. Jumping the fence about a length behind the hard-ridden leader they then pounced. A shake of the reins from Francome and Bula, showing all the devastating speed that gained him two hurdling crowns, sprinted well clear to beat Royal Relief by eight lengths, with Red Rum two lengths away, third.

However you look at it, this was a deeply impressive performance by Bula. Given a perfect ride by that supreme stylist and horseman Francome, the 10-year-old had lobbed along happily at the rear of the field fencing in relaxed and economical fashion. The rider expressed himself as more than pleased with Bula. "Apart from that one mistake he jumped super", he said afterwards.

Fred Winter was not at Haydock, but Bula's owner, Captain Edwards-Heathcote, said that the gelding may possibly have one more race before tilting at the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, his main objective for the first half of the season. So now two of Winter's stars, Lanzarote and Bula, have both shown in convincing fashion that they are as spritely as ever and ready to make determined assaults on the season's top prizes.

The gallant Red Rum, with whose running Donald McCain expressed himself as perfectly satisfied, is now to go to the farm of a Cheshire veterinary surgeon, Ted Greenaway, near Tarporley, for a six weeks rest. A change of surroundings and a break in routine can certainly do Red Rum no harm and it may well do him a power of good.

At Haydock this afternoon David Morley can continue his run of success by capturing the day's most valuable race, the Northern Hurdle, with Havanus. Reported to be the best of the Bury St Edmunds trainer's powerful team of three-year-olds before his first run at Leicester, Havanus strolled home by 15 lengths that afternoon. Apart from flattening the second hurdle from home, Havanus's hurdling was sound and accurate. He meets a stern test of his potential this afternoon in the shape of the three previous winners—Chiquera, Midao and Sweet Joe, but I shall rely on the evidence of Havanus's win in a canter at Leicester.

Another hurdler who has been impressive in two previous wins is the Staff Ingham-trained Asdic, who has a New Zealand horse, Grand Canyon, Dawlish and Salado to beat in the Garswood Pattern Hurdle. The Bryn Handicap Hurdle can be won by Prescott and the Ormskirk Opportunity Handicap Steeplechase can fall to Bar Rock, beaten a whisker by Forest King at Doncaster. Forest King carries top weight in the St Helens Handicap Steeplechase, run over three and a half miles, but he may not be able to concede 5lb to Rubstic, beaten only two lengths by Barona in the Scottish Grand National last April.

Haydock Park programme

12.45 ORMSKIRK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 2½m)
2 3313f-p Prehistoric (T. Rathbone), D. McCain, 7-11-13 .... C. Hawkins
5 p40123 Ballyhoara Hill (P. Talbot-Ponsonby), M. Scudamore, 6-11-7 .... P. Duggins
4 40-4212 Bar Rock (J. Hanson), Hanson, 7-11-4 .... A. Brisker
5 302-b2a Tabby (P. Quilbell), J. Hower, 9-10-5 .... P. McGurdie
6 330200 Any Prince (Mrs R. McAlpine), W. Francis, 10-10-5 .... A. R. Taylor
12-8 Bar Rock, 7-4 Tabby, 9-2 Prehistoric, 10-1 Ballyhoara Hill, 20-1 Any Prince.

1.15 GARSWOOD HURDLE (£1,589: 2m)
1 11 Asdic (D) (Maj Gen J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid), S. Ingham, 4-11-6 .... A. Gonsalves 7
2 430-13 Dawlish (D) (Mrs B. Jenks), E. Cousins, 4-11-6 .... R. Barry
3 001122- Buckingham (CD) (A. Smith), R. Turnell, 5-11-5 .... A. Turnell
4 11 Grand Canyon (D) (D. Samuel), D. Kent, 5-11-5 .... P. Haynes 5
9 Salado (Mrs P. Isaacs), P. Mitchell, 4-10-9 .... R. G. Hughes
5-4 Asdic, 2-1 Dawlish, 7-2 Salado, 6-1 Grand Canyon, 10-1 Buckingham.

1.45 ST HELENS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £640: 3½m)
1 3-31110 Forest King (K. Hogg), Hogg, 6-11-12 .... R. Barry
2 1132-03 Rubstic (J. Douglas), G. Richards, 9-11-7 .... J. O'Neill
3 2024f-0 Huperade (J. Carden), G. Owen, 11-11-0 .... Mr J. Carden 7
4 2223-2 Vulgan's Fire (C. Hambro), F. Rimell, 9-11-4 .... K. B. White
6 04pf-f4 Feel Free (G. Syvret), M. James, 9-10-4 .... R. Crank
7 3010-34 Paddys Best (K. Blackstone), D. Doyle, 7-10-0 .... J. Doyle
2-1 Vulgan's Fire, 11-4 Rubstic, 7-2 Forest King, 6-1 Huperade, 8-1 Paddys Best, 12-1 Feel Free.

2.15 NORTHERN HURDLE (3-y-o: £2,068: 2½m)
1 11 Chiquera (E. Goodall), J. Turner, 11-7 .... Mr H. Orde-Powlett 7
2 1 Havanus ....
12 Gold Yarn (N. Nutting), P. Rohan, 11-1 .... G. Griffin
17 4 Grey Goolin (L. Herries), Lady Herries, 11-4 .... D. Munro
5-2 Havanus, 7-2 Chiquera, 5-1 Midao, Sweet Joe, 8-1 Gold Yarn, 10-1 The Trouder, 14-1 Grey Goolin, 16-1 Blue Chrome.

2.45 WIGAN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £374: 2m)
1 1332uf Lucicrus Sextus (D) (D. Proctor), A. Stevens, 8-11-7 .... N. Flanagan
2 141-u01 Westby Lad (H. Lee), G. Richards, 6-11-7 .... J. J. O'Neill
3 4002-0u Johnnie Black (D. Lennon), B. Wilkinson, 6-11-2 .... J. T. Bourke
5 pplf0p-2 Sharry Syke (G. Syvret), M. James, 7-11-2 .... R. Crank
6 Sunda Princess (T. Lucas), J. Edwards, 7-11-0 .... B. R. Davies
8 0 Why Go (Capt J. Wilson), J. Wilson, 5-11-0 .... Mr A. Cassidy 7
Evens Westby Lad, 5-2 Sharry Syke, 4-1 Lucicrus Sextus, 12-1 Johnnie Black, 14-1 Sunda Princess, 20-1 Why Go.

3.15 BRYN HURDLE (4-y-o: Handicap: £510: 2m)
1 f- Bold Amber (P. Brook), R. C. Ward, 12-7 .... J. Mooney 7
2 061030- Kilboy (N. Butler), F. Rimell, 12-2 .... K. B. White
3 14130-0 Hilarity (D) (W. Cox), D. Morley, 12-2 .... B. R. Davies
8 00-2/12 Fighting King (D) (Mrs E. Dunn), Denys Smith, 10-5 .... A. Dickman
9 123322 Prescott (H. Billington), G. Balding, 10-5 .... R. C. Bailey
10 420-039 Nambour (A. Allen), W. A. Stephenson, 10-2 .... T. Stack
11 30-3110 Polo Pam (Mrs V. Porter), D. McCain, 10-2 .... J. J. O'Neill
12 6-24u32 Spilling (Mrs N. Gittins), H. Gittins, 10-0 .... R. F. Davies
13 0061-00 Mezilhooire (D) (A. Stevens), Stevens, 10-0 .... N. Flanagan
14 02032-0 Bee Candy (D) (H. Dale), P. Bevan, 10-0 .... R. Weaver
2-1 Hilarity, 11-4 Fighting King, 4-1 Kilboy, 5-1 Prescott, 6-1 Nambour, 8-1 Polo Pam, 12-1 Spilling, 16-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

2.15 Havanus. 3.15 Hilarity.

Wincanton programme

1.0 CASTLE CARY HURDLE (£306: 2m)
1 101442 Canillo (D) (S. Hunt), L. Kennard, 9-11-7 .... C. Jones
2 41102- Flash Imp (D) (Mrs O. Negus-Fancey), M. Tate, 6-11-7 .... H. J. Evans
3 13440p Harsh Note (D) (A. Greig), I. Wardle, 9-11-7 .... —
5 123340 Medway Melody (G. Parsons), D. Barons, 9-11-7 .... James Guest
6 0334-00 Thatch Acre (D) (D. Robinson), J. Perrett, 7-11-7 .... T. Heath
7 00p- Tregony Fella (H. Wakeham), Wakeham, 8-11-7 .... A. Carroll
8 0023-0 True Luck (D) (Mrs G. Poole), F. Rimell, 6-11-5 ....
12 001114- Tip The Wink (D) (M. Simmonds), P. Taylor, 6-11-5 ....
7-4 Flash Imp, 3-1 Tip The Wink, 5-1 Canillo, 6-1 True Luck, 10-1 Thatch Acre, 16-1 Medway Melody, 30-1 Harsh Note, 33-1 Tregony Fella.

1.30 CERNE ABBAS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 2m 5f)
1 1fp-222 Uncle Bing (Mrs J. Mildmay-White), G. Doidge, 6-11-13 .... Mr A. Mildmay-White 5
2 11f0-p0 Yanworth (Lord Vestey), D. Nicholson, 6-11-11 .... J. King
3 14-4340 Eyecatcher (CD) (J. Bosley), Bosley, 9-11-3 .... K. Maguire
4 u22f1 Thankyouverymuch (Mrs B. Lloyd), A. Jarvis, 6-11-1 .... P. Blacker
5 2-0bp12 Somethings Missing (CD) (K. Goodall), D. Barons, 7-11-1 ....
6 102-013 Mickey Mouse (CD) (Mrs D. Price), T. Forster, 9-11-0 .... G. Thorner
7 0333 Miss Madina (CD) (Mrs S. Perry), H. Payne, 10-10-8 .... P. Hobbs 5
3-1 Uncle Bing, 7-2 Somethings Missing, 9-2 Thankyouverymuch, 11-2 Mickey Mouse, 6-1 Eyecatcher, 8-1 Yanworth, 12-1 Miss Madina.

2.0 CRANBOURNE HURDLE (Handicap: £442: 2m)
3 00- Red Vase (D) (Mrs B. Moresby), R. Head, 6-12-0 .... J. Francome
4 • Leopardus (C) (Mrs E. Vincent), S. Kernick, 7-11-7 .... —
5 0p00-00 Yellow Lark (CD) (E. Franks), Mrs Oughton, 7-10-11 .... G. Thorne
6 34-3310 Croome (Mrs G. Phipps), D. Barons, 5-10-10 .... R. Linley
7 000-410 Beaming Lee (D) (G. Hake), J. Thorne, 7-10-9 .... P. Barton
8 40100-0 Suffer in Silence (CD) (J. Warner), D. Gandolfo, 6-10-3 ....
9 3120-10 Woodlands Girl (CD) (J. Heritage), M. Tate, 5-10-1 .... R. R. Evans
10 p- The Wyek (M. Killoran), Killoran, 9-10-0 .... H. J. Evans
11 240100- Lisfinny Lad (D) (Mrs M. Blackmore), L. Kennard, 5-10-0 .... E. Wright
12 00-40p0 Percy Crummles (CD) (Lt-Col J. Benson), Mrs Oughton, 12-10-0 .... Mr D. Oughton 7
14 1400-f2 Rio (J. Cobden), Cobden, 4-10-0 .... —
16 00103-0 Double Mint (S. Mitchell), D. Barons, 4-10-0 .... —
18 pfp0-f0 Vicky Joe II (H. Wakeham), Wakeham, 8-10-0 .... —
Suffer in Silence, 10-1 Yellow Lark, 12-1 Lisfinny Lad, 14-1 Percy Crummles, 16-1 others.

2.30 LORD STALBRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,028: 3m 1f)
1 32111-4 What A Buck (Lord Vestey), D. Nicholson, 8-11-11 .... J. King
2 231301 Kilmore Boy (A. Grogan), A. Jarvis, 9-11-0 .... P. Blacker
3 11f11u Irish Scholar (D) (K. Mays), J. Thorne, 8-10-1 .... G. Thorner
5 1021-33 Third Redeemer (Col S. Miss), S. Mellor, 7-10-5 .... J. Francome
6 21f1-a3 Flippant Fred (CD) (D. Hebditch), L. Kennard, 8-10-0 .... E. Wright
7 0001-p1 Vindicate (CD) (Mrs S. Pattemore), S. Pattemore, 8-10-0 .... —
5-2 What A Buck, 7-2 Third Redeemer, 4-1 Kilmore Boy, 9-2 Flippant Fred, 11-2 Irish Scholar, 8-1 Vindicate.

3.0 CHARD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £442: 2m)
2 01140-0 Saint Accord (D) (J. Hawkins), Mrs Oughton, 9-11-7 .... G. Thorner
3 7324- Ozandels (CD) (J. Tillings), G. Harwood, 9-11-5 .... —
4 1f4f-e1 Chance a Look (M. Bryant), S. Woodman, 9-10-13 .... C. Goldsworthy
5 000-121 Shawaigan (D) (Mrs F. Muggeridge), F. Muggeridge, 11-10-11 .... P. Kelleway
6 233411 Napoleon (D) (C. Neate), F. Cundell, 8-10-1 .... M. O'Halloran 7
7 00-1f0p Dallyside (CD) (F. King), King, 10-10-1 .... —
9-4 Shawaigan, 100-30 Napoleon, 7-4 Chance a Look, 11-2 Saint Accord, 7-1 Ozandels, 10-1 Dallyside.

3.30 STAYERS HURDLE (Handicap: £442: 2¾m)
1 4112-43 Prince Eleigh (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss Morris, 6-12-7 .... P. Keane 5
3 11pf0-b Beaujolais-Boy (J. Cobden), Cobden, 8-11-11 .... R. R. Evans
4 p0-0000 Proud Knight (B. Holmes), M. Tate, 6-11-0 .... —
6 0100-f4 Young Steve (K. Britten), H. Payne, 7-11-0 .... E. Wright
7 4413-22 Verdi (Mrs D. Cobden), L. Kennard, 6-10-11 .... G. Candy
8 434104- Joint Venture (W. Strange), J. Old, 6-10-9 .... J. Francome
11 040- King Commander (C) (J. Cotterell), R. Head, 7-10-4 .... —
12 p00pr3 Regal Isle (O. Honley), W. Charles, 7-10-3 .... Mr M. Charles 7
13 2-02303 Blameless Stall (D) (E. Williams), Williams, 10-10-3 .... —
14 70310-0 Date (Mrs J. Webb), H. Webb, 11-10-3 .... Mr J. Mead
15 Solid Gold (A. Purtman), Purtman, 9-10-2 .... P. Barton
16 p000-01 Santellis (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 5-10-3 .... L. Lungo
17 p1432-0 John Crocker (M. Pipe), Pipe, 8-10-1 .... M. Kanham 7
19 210120 Bonidon (G. Bird), M. Coswell, 6-10-0 .... —
20 200a11- Monsieur Royale (B. Lounden), W. Williams, 6-10-0 .... —
21 4321f- Stacking (L. Potter), Potter, 8-10-0 .... —
23 00p0u-0 Skippin (CD) (J. Norman), H. Willis, 11-10-0 .... —
24 4344-04 Warr Bridge (R. Dawe), Dawe, 8-10-0 .... —
5-2 Prince Eleigh, 100-30 Verdi, 9-2 Santellis, 11-2 Young Steve, 8-1 Joint Venture, 10-1 Blameless Stall, 12-1 Date, 14-1 others.
• Doubtful runner

Warwick programme

1.15 ASKETT HURDLE (Div I: £340: 2m)
2 0fc00-4 Deletion (V. Lay), Lay, 5-11-7 .... Mr G. Jones
3 032-2 Fair Georgina (B. Hollinshead), Hollinshead, 5-11-7 .... C. Astbury
4 04 Fiery Coin (Mrs F. Russell), F. Rimell, 5-11-7 .... J. Burke
6 p Grey Trip (A. Connell), Connell, 6-11-7 .... S. Knight 5
8 Major Tory (J. Jones), R. Turnell, 6-11-7 .... S. Holland
10 0040- Pink Flamingo (J. Jenney), Jenney, 5-11-7 .... A. Webber
13 Sunny Isle (J. Webber), Webber, 5-11-7 .... —
2-1 Fair Georgina, 5-2 Fiery Coin, 4-1 Major Tory, 6-1 Deletion, 10-1 Sunny Isle, 25-1 others.

1.45 KNIGHTON HURDLE (£340: 2m)
1 f-0 Blondestreak (Mrs M. Wickins), R. Akehurst, 5-11-4 .... A. Branford
2 00-2/32 Minniegaff (D. Lane), S. Cole, 5-11-4 .... R. Kington 5
3 00-000 Ten Pence (J. Underwood), Underwood, 5-11-4 .... —
4 0-003 Trottor (C. Knights), J. Hayward, 5-11-1 .... P. Collins 7
5 00 Turmoil (R. Brown), E. Edwards, P. Cundell, 5-11-4 .... —
11 4033-l0 Whistling Swan (Mrs B. Edwards), J. Gibson, 5-11-4 .... —
12 f Wind River (S. Louise), B. Richmond, 4-11-0 .... D. Rickells 7
13 000000 Barclay's Owa (J. Smiles), R. Dewer, 4-11-0 .... J. Wright 7
15 0f052 Ceria Cito (E. Gregory), L. Barrett, 4-11-0 .... —
17 00-0 Go Easy (J. White), W. Wharton, 4-11-0 .... D. Cartwright
20 0010-32 Montage (H. Pratt), Pratt, 4-11-0 .... N. Clay 6
23 00000-0 Popegu (H. Dal), D. Jermy, 4-11-0 .... —
25 0030 Royal Moss (D. Cooksey), Cooksey, 4-11-0 .... —
6-4 Montage, 11-4 Ceria Cito, 7-2 Minniegaff, 5-1 Turmoil, 10-1 Whistling Swan, 11-1 others.

2.15 SHIPSTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £586: 2½m)
1 f20-021 Royal Thrust (Mrs J. Grenfield), F. Rimell, 6-12-0 .... J. Burke
3 312-221 Winter Fair (C) (S. Freud), B. Thomson, 8-11-8 .... D. Cartwright
5 122641 Going to Roost (G. Whiteman-Haywood), M. Tate, 7-10-7 .... J. Barlow
7 0002u-0 Great Haste (Mrs M. Brudshaw), S. Underhill, 7-10-6 .... —
4-5 Royal Thrust, 2-1 Winter Fair, 6-1 Going to Roost, 12-1 Great Haste.

2.45 TEMPLE GRAFTON STEEPLECHASE (£408: 3m)
1 242-021 Farthingdale (G. Yardley), Yardley, 8-11-10 .... R. Evans
2 2-020-0 Alvisco (D. Hobbs), R. Clay, 6-11-4 .... T. Casey 3
3 000 Dralfair (P. Laurent), Gilman, 6-11-4 .... P. Connors
7 p009-20 Iscamnida (J. Baker), R. Lay, 7-11-4 .... —
Prince Rock (M. Peckley), P. Bailey, 7-11-4 .... —
10 00-40p1 Rolyat (Mrs L. Jenkinson), J. Perry, 7-11-4 .... Mr P. Greenall
11 Saints Feet (T. Hurley), J. Edmunds, 8-11-4 .... A. Phillips 7
12 222iou Sir Cecador (T. Lakin), Lakin, 7-11-4 .... B. Brogan
13 02-p-p2 Snow Track (Ld Cadogan), S. James, 7-11-4 .... Parkyn 5
15 002-0-0 Temz Boss (Mrs M. Horton), P. Horton, 8-11-4 .... Mr S. Shoemark
16 4 Tudoramun (Nairn), G. Kindersley, 6-11-4 .... W. Cartwright
17 Whirlpool (Miss C. Croo), Miss Croo, 7-11-4 .... D. —
18 022410 Whirlpool (Miss C. Crossa), Miss Croo's, 7-11-4 .... —
11-4 Farthingdale, 5-1 Snow Track, 4-1 Tudoramun, 6-1 Rolyat, 8-1 Whirlpool, 12-1 Sir Cecador, 11-1 others.

3.15 CHERINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £554: 2m)
1 001201 Grey Dove (CD) (G. Price), Price, 6-12-0 .... Mr C. Price 7
2 22-4C01 Revise (D) (B. Tams), D. Marks, 5-11-10 .... Mr S. Morshead 5
3 co- Dannaverts (D) (E. Thomas), F. Rimell, 5-11-2 .... J. Burke
4 43130-0 Enbees (D) (C. Warren), C. Miller, 4-11-0 .... D. Cartwright
5 40 Airy Fairy (D) (G. Allen), D. O'Neill, 7-10-13 .... J. Barlow
6 00000-0 Spartan (D) (W. Cairns), M. Tate, 7-10-12 .... W. Shoemark
11 C-12219 Scrogan (D) (J. Wormen), D. Gandolfo, 6-10-11 .... S. Holland
12 12/03p- Garter Wood (D) (D. Osman), Osman, 6-10-9 .... —
13 0000-u0 P.C.'s Record (D) (Mrs M. Bradshaw), S. Underhill, 7-10-7 .... R. Holmes
15 2-31300 Georgie Stephens (D) (J. Amess), D. Hanley, 4-10-0 .... K. Stone 5
18 020p0-r Chent (D) (C. Harty), P. Ransom, 5-10-0 .... —
19 u Valso (D) (H. Evans), J. Evans, 5-10-0 .... —
20 7-2 Grey Dove, 4-1 Revise, 5-1 Scrogan, 15-2 Georgie Stephens, 10-1 Spartan, P.C.'s Record, 14-1 others.

3.45 ASKETT HURDLE (Div II: £340: 2m)
1 003-2a Equity (L. Torrey), F. Winter, 6-11-7 .... V. Soane
2 p0 Light Smoker (D. Greenall), Mrs Greenall, 5-11-7 .... Mr P. Greenall
3 Pitcher (Mrs P. Jermy), Jermy, 5-11-7 .... W. Shoemark
5 000 The Purser (G. Jermy), Jermy, 5-11-7 .... A. Webber
6 2232p-2 The Snipe (G. Richmond-Watson), J. Webber, 5-11-7 .... —
10 f Spring Gazelle (Mrs L. Edmunds), J. Edmunds, 5-11-7 .... A. Phillips 7
12 000-303 Triple (J. Whitehouse), R. Hollinshead, 5-11-7 .... —
15-8 The Snipe, 9-4 Equity, 4-1 Triple, 10-1 Patches, 16-1 others.

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1.15 Fiery Coin. 1.45 Minniegaff. 2.15 Winter Fair. 2.45 Farthingdale. 3.15 Revise. 3.45 THE SNIPE is specially recommended.

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By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 FLASH IMP is specially recommended. 1.30 Something's Missing. 2.0 Suffer in Silence. 2.30 Kilmore Boy. 3.0 Chance a Look. 3.30 Prince Eleigh.

Ascot results

12.30 (12.32) PUNCH BOWL HURDLE (Division I: 3-y-o: £785: 2m)
Saintly Purchase, b c, by Welsh Saint—Shopping Wise (Ld Harlington), 11 st 0 lb .... B. R. Davies (evens fav) 1
Linsky, b g, by Linacre—Noirmont Girl (M. Soames), 11 st 2 lb .... James Guest (5-1) 2
Wephen, br c, by Great Nephew—Courgette (D. Weatherley), 10 st 9 lb .... R. Kington (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Golden Autumn (4th), 20-1 Subaltern, Westward Express, 25-1 Lady Carinya, 33-1 Canina, Glenshane, Gold Streak, Man of Lotters, Marmalade, Pelham Wood. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 18p; places, 11p, 21p, 14p. D. Morley, at Bury St Edmunds. 2l, 12l. King's Hazard, Redan, and Snow Mountain did not run.

1.5 (1.6) JOHN CORBETT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £509: 2m 4f)
Super Do, br m, by Doubtless II—Super Flame (P. Johnston), 6 yrs 10 st 9 lb .... B. McNally (3-1) 1
Crumlin, ch g, by High Perch—Ronbridge (Miss G. Newall), 8 yrs 10 st 0 lb .... K. Roberts (11-10 fav) 2
Sonny Somers, br g, by Will ....

Copper Horse Handicap Hurdle (4-y-o: £880: 2m)
Hiram Maxim, ch c, by Salvo—Martinella (Mrs M. Power), 11 st 1 lb .... K. B. White (6-1) 1
Quick Attraction, b g, by Espresso—Wedlock (E. Peskin), 10 st 10 lb .... R. Barry (8-1) 2
Uncle Leslie, ch c, by Tompion—Brinnley (Mrs W. Greenwood), 10 st 5 lb .... B. R. Davies (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Colman, Lucky Wish (4th), 7-1 What, Palaver, 15-2 Slievereagh, 8-1 Sid Performance, 9-1 Golden Duckling. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 27p, 37p, 35p; dual forecast, £5.37. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 3l, 4l.

2.5 (2.6) HOME PARK STEEPLECHASE (£1,096: 2m)
Wayward Scot, br g, by Jock Scot—Wayward Damsel (Mrs B. Stein), 6-10-11 .... R. Kington (9-4) 1
Ghost Writer, ch g, by London Gazette—Secret Pact (R. Smith), 8-11-2 .... W. Smith (11-8 fav) 2
Perambelate, bl g, by Takawalk II—Thornawilla (Mrs D. Meale), 6-11-6 (bl) .... S. May (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 20-1 Metromead (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; forecast 60p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 3l, 5l.

2.40 (2.41) GARTH STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP (£902: 3m)
Malford, br h, by Tacitus—Senlac Star (G. Pike), 9-10-3 .... Mr M. Reeves (100-30) 1
Fanatic, br g, by Milesian—Hijera (Mrs M. Jack), 8-10-1 .... Mr J. Frost (100-30) 2
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav The Leap (f), 11-4 Manitas (pu), 25-1 Le Diable (f). 5 ran.
TOTE: 41p; forecast, £1.55. G. Pike, at Trowbridge. 12l.

3.15 (3.17) PUNCH BOWL HURDLE (Division II: 3-y-o: £762: 2m)
Tornado Prince, br g, by Typhoon—Doll Elith (M. Tabor), 11-0 .... M. Wagner (8-1) 1
Orcis, b c, by Quartette—Pulchra (B. Hayer), 11-0 .... R. Barry (25-1) 2
Darcy, b c, by Crooner—Sprightly Sprite (Mrs R. Adam), 11-0 .... F. McKenna (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-11 fav Sodor (4th), 12-1 Dyscole, 14-1 Magic Note, 20-1 Over the Moon, 25-1 Welcome Sam, 33-1 Casio, Commandent, Laburnum Grove, Maria Alexandra (f), Star Penny. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 84p; places, 33p, 46p, 29p. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. 7l, 4l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Hiram Maxim and Malford, £16.05. TREBLE: Super Do, Wayward Scot and Tornado Prince, £35.80. Jackpot: not won. Consolation dividend (paid on first five legs) £27.40. Guaranteed pool at Sandown Park tomorrow: £4,000.

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TOTALISATOR FREE HANDICAP (leading weights): Wollow 9-7, Hittite Glory 9-2, Take Your Place 9-2, Music Boy 9-1, Solitary Hail 8-13, Galway Bay 8-13, Stand to Reason 8-13, Petty 8-13, Royal Boy 8-12, Gentilhombre 8-12, Dame Foolish 8-12, Sir Wimborne 8-11, Duke Ellington 8-11, Sauce 8-11, Sure Occasion 8-10, Over to You 8-10, Icing 8-10, Fallard 8-9, All Hope 8-9, Western Jewel 8-9, Woolsbourne 8-9, Patris 8-9, Do Young 3-9, Outer Circle 8-9, Smuggler, Loh 8-9, Rolkino 8-9. To be run at Newmarket on April 7 for three-year-olds over seven furlongs.

Northern Handicap

NORTHERN FREE HANDICAP (leading weights): Music Boy 9-10, Gentilhombre 9-7, Woodsome 9-4, Pennina 8-13, Scattered Scarlet 8-13, Sonnenblick 8-12, Claudio Nicolai 8-12, Sweet Nightingale 8-10, Leinster House 8-8, Amunra 8-8, Level Par 8-8, Senator Sam 8-8, Partridge Brook 8-8, Delegated Action 8-8, Gemina 8-8, Malin Court 8-7, Donrae 8-6, Callobo 8-6, Rundowalk 8-6, Crusty Shan 8-6. To be run at Newcastle on April 19 for three-year-olds over seven furlongs.

Haydock Park

12.45 (12.47) HAYDOCK HURDLE (Div I: £374: 2m)
Mariners Goddess, ro m, by Zeus Boy—Mariner's Double (Mrs J. Kirkpatrick), 6-11-6 .... B. Fletcher (9-2 jt fav) 1
Duelling Light, b m, by Duel—Space Signal (S. Grabiner), 5-11-5 .... R. R. Evans (6-1) 2
Roman Child, ch c, by Romany Air—nomo unregd (B. Minty), 4-11-0 .... T. Stack (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt fav Arktos, 5-1 Dads Girl, La Gingolf, 10-1 Luca, 14-1 Rodelly (4th), Calcighiesun. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 17p, 19p, 20p; dual forecast, 61p. B. Cambidge, at Shifnal. 1l, 4l.

1.15 (1.16) COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £610: 2m)
Wild Fox, br g, by Arctic Slave—Mistress Fox (H. Joel), 8-11-9 .... S. C. Knight (6-4) 1
Casbah, gr g, by Eastern Lyric—Glitter Girl (Lord Lovelace), 8-11-5 .... R. R. Evans (5-4 fav) 2
Most Handsome, b g, by Arctic Slave—Forie Maiden (Capt J. Wilson), 11-10-5 .... Mr A. Cassidy (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Brown Admiral (ur). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; forecast, 44p. A. Turnell, at Marlborough. 6l, 12l.

1.45 (1.47) WEAVERHAM HURDLE (3-y-o: £680: 2m)
Manzoni, bl g, by Murrayfield—Edwina Black (A. Wiseman), 11-3 .... W. Shoemark (10-11 fav) 1
Le Gaulois, b c, by Sassafras—Etoile (K. Tuer), 11-0 .... D. Munro (7-2) 2
Crime Buster, b c, by Busted—County Court (J. Pickavance), 11-0 .... K. McCauley (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 La Gallia, 10-1 Ungaity, 12-1 Startown, 20-1 Fair Saint (4th), Spacer, Kobe (ur), Lilligant (f), Windsor Light. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 15p, 16p, 21p. D. Gandolfo, at Wantage. 2l, 6l.

2.15 (2.16) SUNDEW STEEPLECHASE (£1,849: 3m)
Bula, br g, by Raincheck—Pongo's Fancy (Capt L. Edwards-Heathcote), 10-12-0 .... J. Francome (10-11 fav) 1
Royal Relief, b g, by Flush Royal—French Colleen (E. Courage), 11-11-0 .... J. King (5-2) 2
Red Rum, b g, by Quorum—Mared (N. Le Mare), 10-12-0 .... T. Stack (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Kilvulgan (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; forecast, 34p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 8l, 2l.

2.45 (2.48) CLUB HURDLE (Handicap: £374: 3m)
Hard Cash, b g, by Pardal—Blue Gulleon (J. Cuddick), 6-10-1 .... Mr G. Jones (4-1) 1
Red Earl, b g, by Sunny Way—Mary Scott (H. Ford), 6-9-5 .... Mr R. Gow (7-2 jt fav) 2
Birdcage Walk, ch g, by Pall Mall—Wichuraina (T. Kersey), 5-9-11 .... Mr G. Kersey (7-2 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Hanzon, 7-1 Lone Wolf, 12-1 Tudor Court, 14-1 Seminole Chief, 30-1 Our Illusion (4th), 20-1 Fred's Gift (pu). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win 35p; places, 14p, 17p, 15p; dual forecast, 69p. B. Cambidge, at Shifnal. 2½l, 2l.

3.15 (3.16) HAYDOCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £374: 2m)
John Brown, br g, by [illegible]—Highland Melody (Mrs D. Richardson), 6-11-5 .... J. J. O'Neill (5-1 fav) 1
Sea Urchin, b g, by Sea Moss—Baldwin's Hill (J. Bennett), 5-11-5 .... P. Scott (5-1) 2
Indubitably, b g, by [illegible] (D. Atkins), 4-11-0 .... D. Atkins (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: [illegible].
TOTE: [illegible]. Valso [illegible] did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: [illegible] and Hard Cash, £5.90. TREBLE: Wild Fox, Bula and John Brown, [illegible].

Ludlow

12.45 (12.47) HALFORD HURDLE (Div I: £206: 2m 1f)
De Musset, b h, by Alcide—Rosaura (G. Bourne), 5-11-7 .... R. Hyett (6-4) 1
Spring Lile, b g, by Romulus—Country Life (P. Greenall), 6-12-7 .... Mr P. Greenall (11-8 fav) 2
Watafella, b g, by Waterfall—London Flame (Mrs D. Meals), 5-10-7 .... P. Leach (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Bell's Lad, 12-1 Black Ausler, 25-1 Lens Legend, Cesar Street (4th), Wayward Nick. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 15p, 13p, 20p; dual forecast, 19p. C. H. Davies, at Chepstow. 3l, sh hd.

1.15 (1.16) LUDLOW HUGH SUMNER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £605: 3m)
Dulwich, b h, by Tamerlane—Kasside II (T. Elwyn), 8-11-9 .... G. Thorner (6-1) 1
Warm Welcome, b m, by Royal Palace II—Lucina (Mrs E. Gates), 7-10-3 .... P. Barton (5-1) 2
Fleckity Prince, b g, by Prince Sabre—Fleckity Lass (G. Bosley), 6-10-5 .... Mr K. Bosley (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Colonius (ur), 15-2 Fondy Ilan, 33-1 Phillidon (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 72p; places, 40p, 21p; forecast, £1.06. C. H. Davies, at Chepstow. 1½l, 20l.

1.45 (1.47) CLEEHILL HURDLE (Handicap: £341: 2m 1f)
Master H, ch g, by Master Owen—Last Resort (W. Davies), 6-11-2 .... P. Blacker (4-7 fav) 1
Idro, b g, by Espresso—Gondora (Mrs E. Done), 7-10-7 .... S. J. O'Neill (12-1) 2
Glendale, b m, by Master Rocky—Penley Star (J. Aitken), 8-11-5 .... Mr A. J. Wilson (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 16p; forecast, 24p. M. Oliver, at Droitwich. 7 ran. 5l, 2½l. Strealland did not run.

2.17 (2.16) TEME STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 3m)
Mr Wrekin, ch g, by Alcide—Kush (Mrs G. Murphy), 10-10-10 .... D. Cartwright (100-30) 1
Levelled Out, br g, by Even Money—Sell Out (Mrs E. Gaze), 7-10-5 .... P. Barton (15-8 fav) 2
Sixer, b g, by Gill—Queen's Ranger (G. Clay), 11-10-7 .... P. Warner (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Kildagin (4th), 13-2 Winall (bd), 10-1 Son and Heir (ur), 12-1 Mr Pippins (su), 33-1 Eyton Rising. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 12p, 15p, 18p; dual forecast, 49p. W. Whiston, at Market Drayton. 5l, 2l.

2.45 (2.46) LUDFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 2m 4f)
Blenfait, gr m, by Le Tricolore—Vulcan's Rose (G. Herring), 5-10-5 .... P. Barton (7-1) 1
Charlie Mouse, ch h, by Charlottown—Belle Vilies Fleur—Serpentine (Mrs M. Wingh), 6-11-7 .... G. Thorner (11-2 fav) 2
Anurind, ch g, by Pull-rily (USA)—Aualita (Mrs E. Storey), 6-11-0 .... K. Mooney (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Lanso Lad (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 64p; forecast £1.07. Mrs E. Gaze, at Ross-on-Wye. 4l, 12l.

3.15 (3.17) HALFORD HURDLE (Div II: £206: 2m 1f)
Proceed, ch h, by Charlottown—Andalino (Dr P. Cronin), 5-11-7 .... P. Leach (5-4 fav) 1
Prairie Master, ch g, by Master Owen—Prairie Mistress (P. Kilroe), 6-10-7 .... J. O'Neill (7-1) 2
Soshezmine, ch m, by Attractis—Eshemine (E. Roberts), 6-11-0 .... Sir R. Wilding (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-2 Blabbermouth (4th), 33-1 Turullo Pet. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 18p; dual forecast, 25p. D. Barons, at Kingsbridge. 7l, 1½l. Arusin, Gorder Larck and Said Alley did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Master H and Blenfait, £6.95. TREBLE: Dulwich, Mr Wrekin and Proceed, £7.80.

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ACADEMY THREE 437 8819. [illegible] **LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS** [illegible]

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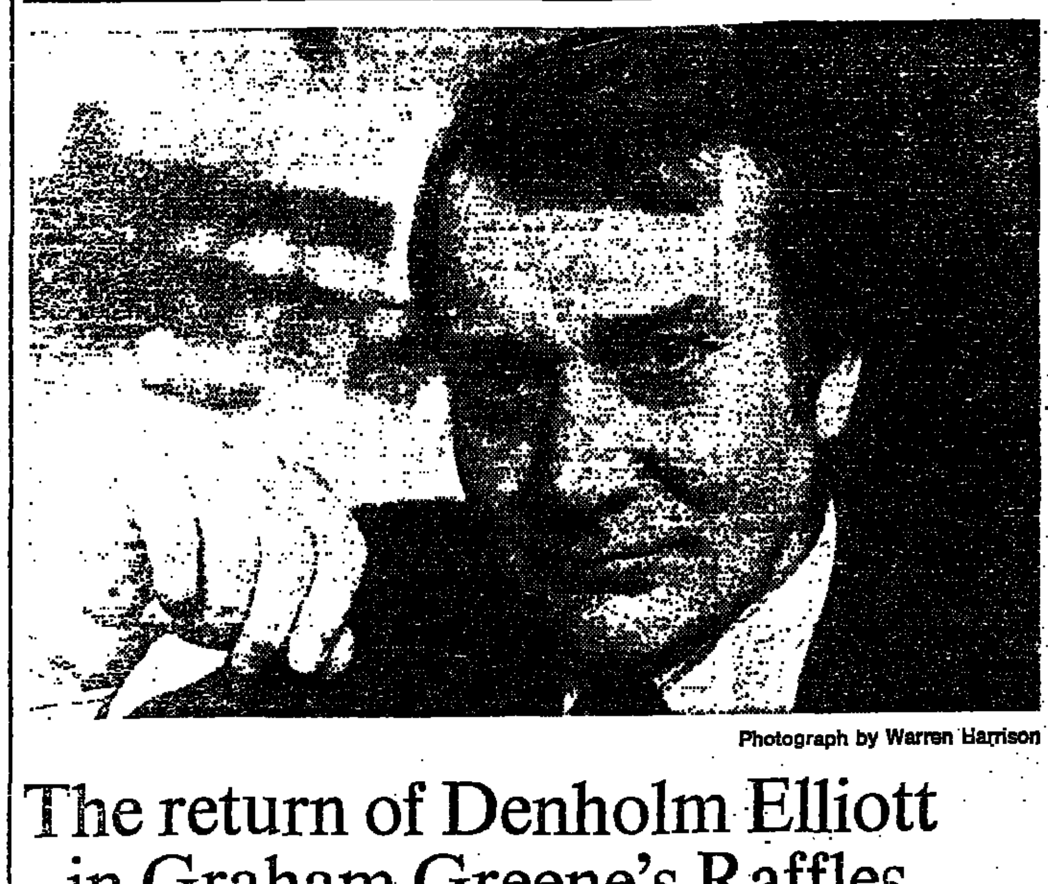
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THE ARTS



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The return of Denholm Elliott —in Graham Greene's Raffles

The Return of A. J. Raffles, which opens at the Aldwych on December 4, marks the return of Denholm Elliott to the Royal Shakespeare Company for the first time since his appearances in the RSC's inaugural season at Stratford in 1960. With the passing of 15 years, he's hoping his RSC luck may have improved.

"That first season was really terrible; I'd been directed by Peter Hall in *South* at the Arts in 1955 so when he asked me to go to Stratford with him I went, because I have this naive belief that if people cast me in plays I must be right for them—it's a very relaxing thought for an actor. Anyway, I ended up playing three of the worst parts Shakespeare ever wrote [Valentine in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, Troilus and Bassanio in *The Merchant of Venice*] and that whole season was my idea of hell—a totally monastic life, living in a cottage in the middle of a ploughed Warwickshire field, and having to work every day with people who talked about nothing but the Bard. O'Toole was in the company that year and he didn't help, either—I get awfully nervous with the kind of actors who look as though they might be about to hit you, even if they never do."

What, then, has brought Mr Elliott back to the RSC?

"The play: it's the first Graham Greene has written in 11 years, and if you're offered the title role in a script of his you don't think twice. I played the police officer in the film of *The Heart of the Matter* and more recently I did a couple of his short stories in *Shades of Greene* on television, so I've been lucky enough to get to know him slightly—not altogether easy. He's been to a few rehearsals and there's something very awe-inspiring about him—it's like being directed by Ibsen. Like all great novelists he's constantly *watching you*, rather than letting you watch him."

Greene's decision to write another play after so long is said to have been sparked by the success the RSC had with *Sherlock Holmes*; Raffles was after all a near-contemporary of *Holmes*, *albeit on the wrong* side of the law, and his original creator, the novelist E. W. Hornung, was even related by marriage to Conan Doyle. What Greene has now done is to bring Raffles, the gentleman burglar, back from the Boer War into a late-Victorian world populated by such other celebrities as the Prince of Wales (Paul Rogers), Lord Alfred Douglas (Peter Blythe) and Von Blixen, of the Prussian Secret Service (Michael Bryant).

Though Elliott has not been away from the London theatre for too long (he was in Peter Nichols's *Chez Nous* at the Globe two years ago, and before that in the John Mortimer triple bill *Come As You Are*) Raffles is probably the starriest part he's ever played in the West End, and he's correspondingly *nervous about it*:

"There's something very daunting about playing a title character, especially when you've been doing 'cameo' bits and pieces for as long as I have; somehow I'm a little old now to have to start proving myself, and I've even got beyond the stage where I longed for someone to offer *Hamlet*. Curious how everything seems to come when you no longer want it."

Elliott's career as an actor has been intriguing if rocky; born 53 years ago into a family that included a prominent KC (his grandfather) and a Government Advocate in Palestine (his father, killed in a mysterious motoring accident in the 1930s), he was sent to Malvern College where he reckons his troubles really started:

"I went back there as an Old Boy to give away some prizes the other day and the new headmaster asked if I'd been happy at the college. I had to tell him that when my analyst's bills were as high as my school fees had been I might begin to recover from the damage done to me there. I was a kleptomaniac child (suitably enough, for someone now playing Raffles) and for some reason my family thought that acting might be some sort of therapy so I went to RADA where they made me feel an absolute clot and asked my mother to take me away. Then the war came and I was in Bomber Command as a wireless operator with Leonard Cheshire, and I was shot down over Denmark and so had three years in a German prison camp."

Returning to England after his release, Elliott went straight into repertory work and ended up at the 1949 Malvern Festival playing the lead in *Buoyant Billions* with Shaw himself giving advice:

"He wore a panama hat and when he took it off I remember noticing that his forehead seemed to go on up for about another 12 inches. He kept saying 'Speak up, young man—my words were meant to be heard, not mumbled', though I like to think that reflected more on his increasing deafness than my diction."

From there Elliott's career took off rapidly; within another six months he was playing Olivier's son in *Venus Observed* and when they were looking for someone for the Paul Scofield parts in *Ring Round The Moon* on Broadway Olivier suggested they take Elliott:

"That was the beginning of my American work and it was a marvellous job, because although we didn't run too long it gave me a sort of name over there; and ever since I've been able to go back and get television parts in the United States when times were hard for me over here."

Sheridan Morley

Buzz Goodbody tribute

The work of Buzz Goodbody, the first artistic director of The Other Place, Stratford-on-Avon, who died earlier this year, will be celebrated in an entertainment in words and music at the Aldwych Theatre on Sunday, December 7.

Actors, musicians and directors who worked with her will contribute to an evening of words and music with excerpts from many writers including Shakespeare, Brecht, Ginsberg, Nerude and Joni Mitchell. They include Sheila Allen, George Baker, Bobby Campbell, Tony Church, Lynette Davies, Jeffery Dench, Mike Gwilym, Griffith Jones, Bettina Jonic, Charles Keating, Ben Kingsley, Mikel Lambert, Bernard Lloyd, Yvonne Nicholson, Trevor Nunn, Richard Pasco, Norman Rodway, Sebastian Shaw, David Suchet, Janet Suzman, Michael Tubbs, *Robin Weatherall*, *Nicol* Williamson, and Guy Woolfenden.

The programme has been arranged by Cicely Berry and members of the Royal Shakespeare Company. Proceeds will go towards a fund to create a Buzz Goodbody Director's Award for the annual National Student Drama Festival.

Coming shortly

■ *Artaud at Rodez*, a new play by Charles Marowitz based on the last years of the French actor and poet Antonin Artaud will be the next presentation at the Open Space Theatre. The play will first be given in Rome in the week of December 7 and will open in London on December 1[illegible]. [illegible]ave Merrison plays Artaud and the designer is Robin Don. The play, derived from new material recently unearthed in France, will feature the actual voice of Antonin Artaud in a recording made immediately before his death. Charles Marowitz directs.

Russian's London debut

Un ballo in maschera
Covent Garden

John Higgins

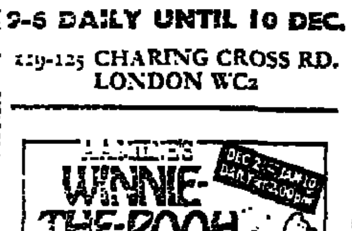
Who was the last male Russian singer to appear on the Covent Garden stage? Chaliapin? No. Kipnis came later. But probably the next in line is the Ukrainian baritone Yuri Mazurok, who arrived unobtrusively on Tuesday for a single performance of *Un ballo in maschera*. It is best to stick with that "probably"; I can already hear the scratch of correcting pens on paper.

Mazurok is known through Russian opera recordings, but this was his London debut. The personal appearance lived up to all that had been promised by the gramophone and more. The voice has that clear, cutting timbre of the best Russian tenors and baritones, that ability to slice through an orchestra and an auditorium. There is, too, a sustained aggression without any loss of tone.

Mr Mazurok's Renato is a stern officer of Swedish society, very much in accord with Otto Schenk's sombre and undervalued production, giving nothing away until the remorse of the closing moments. The central section of "Eri tu" has been delivered with more velvety tone, but I have rarely heard the opening with a sharper attack and fury, the aftermath of that mockery by the gibbet. Yuri Mazurok, who has something of the appearance and dynamism of Marko Rothmuller, must return to Covent Garden soon, and perhaps he will bring his tenor colleague Atlantov with him.

The rest of the cast was that described by William Mann after the first night of the revival. On Tuesday there were one or two off-colour performances, including that of Bergonzi, who has been so distinguished a Riccardo over the years, and the ensemble was flabbier than a week ago. Perhaps the robust health of Mazurok showed up pallor elsewhere.

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John Barstow
Purcell Room

Max Harrison

After a deceptively low-temperature beginning with two C major pieces by Galuppi, John Barstow got into his stride with one of the finest performances I ever heard of Schumann's *Faschingsschwank*. The opening Allegro was suitably relentless, fusing together this movement's diverse segments with a success that few pianists can manage. In sharpest contrast, the Romance showed an exquisite poetic sensibility, and the finale's teeming notes all obediently kept their place despite a dangerously fast tempo.

It was surprising to find one of Mr Barstow's experience following that example of high nineteenth-century virtuosity with Chopin's B flat minor Scherzo, a work of basically similar type. Predictably enough, considering the supreme efforts demanded by Schumann's finale. Chopin was less *immaculately served*, and I began to fear that because a transcendental technique is Mr Barstow's strongest suit he imagined it was his only one.

The programme suggested that after the interval we might be getting more of the same, but in fact Liszt's version of the *Liebestod* from *Tristan* was notable chiefly for its quiet control. And once again I wondered at the unfailing effectiveness of this most improbable of transcriptions. Scriabin's Sonata No 9 also received an understated, interestingly reflective interpretation, full of dark and subtle colours which finally intensified as the music rose to a fierce, yet logically argued climax.

After Scriabin's highly seasoned language, the brief Prokofiev Legend Opus 12 seemed quite pedestrian, but the Sonata No 4, which followed, deals in weightier thoughts. And even there, at the close of Tuesday's exhausting programme, Mr Barstow's playing had lost none of its urgency.

Dickens softened

Hard Times
Little Theatre, Bristol

Irving Wardle

As the one Dickens novel that won the approval of F. R. Leavis, *Hard Times* has a reputation for icy and joyless social pamphleteering which Ian Taylor, in this adaptation, does his best to dispel.

The book follows *Bleak House* and shows the new industrial Britain as an even harsher prison house than the old Britain of aristocratic privilege. The difference is that where Dickens knew all about Sir Leicester Deadlock and the Inns of Court, he had little interest in industrial work processes. His treatment of Coketown fully exemplifies the book's anti-factual argument. Apart from some wonderful general descriptions of the town, the place is left vague enough for Dickens to carry over his favourite motifs of the orphan, the ill-treatment of children, and the fraternal change of heart into a fresh social context.

What gives the book its particular character is the blistering irony of the narrative which is unavoidably lost on the stage. Even so, there was no need for the characters to be softened as well.

In place of a vicious system, the adaptation presents a group of virtuous and vicious characters. Bounderby, the manufacturer, occupies the villain's role in the boreish person of Harold Innocent, who periodically lashes out at the audience as well as stalking the streets of Coketown like a Victorian Mr Growser. This does not exactly turn the place into Toytown, but it leaves Ronnie Stevens's Mr Gradgrind an easy task in changing from the flinty proprietor of a model school into a warm-hearted parent. There is little sense that his frosty daughter and gambling son are logical products of the Gradgrind system.

Likewise, in the sub-plot, Stephen Blackpool is relieved of his drunken wife and played by Jack Klaff as an upstanding young artisan instead of the prematurely aged social victim Dickens describes. The circus folk are straight out of *Mr Quilp*.

However, the adaptation is skilfully organized. Mr Taylor has digested the book so as to shuffle and conflate its episodes, creating fresh climaxes and fluently mingling dialogue with direct address. Richard Cottrell stages it against a smoking chimneyscape which responds well to atmospheric lighting.

Theatre nurse

Florence Nightingale
Marlowe, Canterbury

Charles Lewsen

At a time of stringency it is good news that the National Westminster Bank has helped the Marlowe Theatre mount a new play. It is further good news that the author John Bowen, believing that finance houses help those that help themselves, has dispensed with scenery, offering his play as a rehearsal in which actors improvise opposing interpretations of Florence Nightingale.

Economy encourages swift and vivid narrative of 90 years; the production of David Carson and Chris Hayes offers a striking Scutari in which, to the accompaniment of the "Skater's Waltz", red-lit grenadiers bayonet imaginary enemies with stage braces. Avowedly calling on the techniques of theatre in education, Mr Bowen shows cunning in, for instance, offering the information that the Victorians were an hallucinating generation, expecting to have conversations with God—and then organizing an unobtrusive [illegible] which allows us a moment to absorb this information, which is to figure later.

There is a little cheating over the rehearsal, at which we are assumed not to be present, and in which Day Murch brilliantly portrays a Mrs Quickly whom he is supposed not to have rehearsed. More seriously, Mr Bowen does not fully dramatize the conflict between the director (John Harwood who claims to be haunted by the contradictions of his "medical Shirley Williams", and the actress (Elizabeth Bennett) who, after a clear statement of Florence's professional jealousy of Mary Stanley, accepts at face value the claim that her life's aim was simply to establish woman's right to a career in nursing.

And if Mr Bowen is concerned with paradox, he has not taken time to examine the borderline between passionate but sexless love of one woman for another and lesbianism, nor to demonstrate how Flo's psychosomatic exhaustion could be both genuine illness and a weapon against her family. If Miss Bennett is herefore called upon to play only Flo's moral strength—which she does with powerful conviction — Linda Janiec as the elder sister Parthe, is permitted to expand on the Nightingale gift for capitalizing on dementia; and, glassy eyed, melodiously trilling (was Parthe the Nightingale that sang in Berkeley Square?) Miss Janiec offers an intriguing piece of Bowen Gothic.

Play for Today
BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds

I thought of William Saroyan or J. D. Salinger watching John Challen's *After the Solo* on BBC 1's *Play for Today* on Tuesday. The story of an unattractive child, bullied at school by both students and teachers and misculed at home, but in possession of a beautiful boy soprano voice had a touch of the Saroyan about it. Saroyan, of course, is so out of fashion now that any connexion, I am sure, never entered the playwright's mind; I mean it as a compliment. Anyway, this was an odd, offbeat little tale, slight and fleeting as, indeed, is that time when a boy's voice just before breaking can produce those clear and wonderful notes, frozen in the air like something from the strings of a violin.

Nicholas Watson gave a fine performance, both acting and singing, as the chubby lad selected by the choirmaster (Gerald James) to sing the soprano solo in the requiem in the PTA musical evening.

There were some comic moments with the choirmaster and the cynical headmaster (Barie Cookson) discussing using the boy singer rather than a woman with the choirmaster talking about how a boy's voice could express loss and asking rhetorically, "but can you console loss?" and the headmaster telling his: "Drink certainly eases the dark melancholy of our Welsh ancestry."

Leonard Rossiter, as the boy's father, is one of those tremendously understated actors, but it was unhappy in the stereotype characterization. He was to be an oddball, over-anxious for his son, but all John Challen could find to convey this was to make him teetotal and over-solicitous.

But the success of the play came really like the climax of a sports event. Could the boy sing the part? Would he funk it? Of course he did not come in on time. I was on the edge of my seat. But then he did. And the beauty of the voice like, in the words of the choirmaster, "a caged bird set free", the notes singing themselves, independent of the gruesome child and horrid spirit-killing suburban surrounds, was moving and the moment the play had been working towards.

EMI Gala Concert
Festival Hall

Stephen Walsh

In a preface to Tuesday's LSO programme, Sir Jack Lyons took the remarkable step of thanking Andre Previn, Horacio Gutierrez and Gidon Kremer "For making tonight the musical success which will be long remembered". Somehow the remark was symbolic of the occasion. How record companies would love performances always to resemble their advance publicity. But in the event there were several aspects of the concert that will be better forgotten.

Of those, the most surprising was Gidon Kremer's modest account of the Brahms Violin Concerto. Kremer, a pupil of Oistrakh, brings with him impeccable credentials as his teacher's representative and perhaps successor. But his playing was tense and uneven, with little true virtuosity and marred by what sounded like sheer bad habits of phrasing and rhythm. Perhaps he simply had an off night. But there was no direct evidence of that in the performance.

The case of Gutierrez seemed rather different. He is a pianist so technically gifted that he would need artificial aids to help him make Liszt's E flat concerto sound difficult. Under comparable circumstances Paganini used to saw away three strings; and when they broke finish his programme on the remaining one. For Mr Gutierrez the equivalent might be to play with the piano lid shut or, better still, arrange for it to shut in mid-cadenza. That at least would provide the dramatic excitement his playing lacked on Tuesday.

In those variable surroundings the LSO understandably found it hard to maintain the brilliant form shown in Berlioz's *Roman Carnival*. There Previn was at his best, without entirely allaying the suspicion that if he strolled off halfway through, the performance would go on just the same. Dukas's *Apprenti Sorcier* was also tidily done but without the thrill of yesteryear. The magic indeed has departed with the magician.

■ A new production of *Don Giovanni* will be given to open the 1977 Glyndebourne Festival, conducted by John Pritchard, produced by Peter Hall and designed by John Bury—the team responsible for *Le nozze di Figaro* first given at Glyndebourne in 1973.

Imperial Tobacco Limited have generously agreed to assist Glyndebourne by meeting the cost of mounting this new production. This will be the first time that Imperial Tobacco will have helped Glyndebourne, but their contribution to the arts has been increasing in recent years.

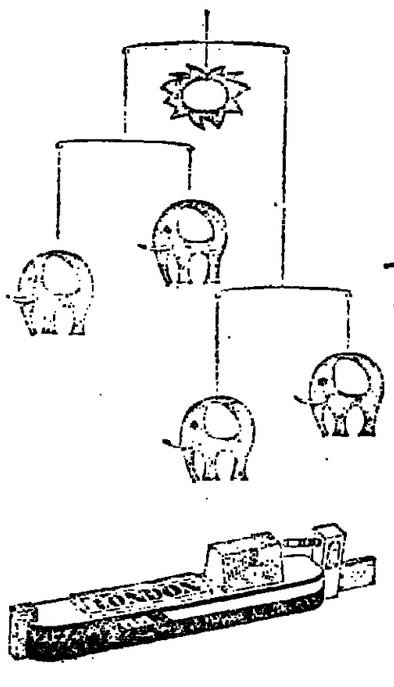
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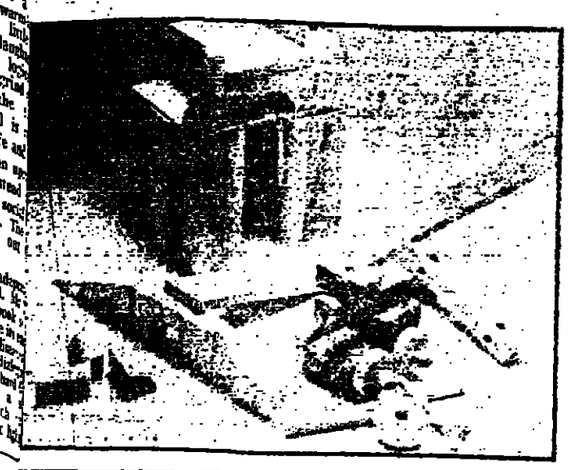
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Goose paper lantern (takes 40 watt bulb), also tiger, kitten, ackerel and duck, £2.95 each. Three cut-out rag dolls, £1.65 (20p) both from Cucina. Unassuming hedgehog, 50p, Heal's.



Above: Frog Prince—pottery by Charles Stone, at £4.20 one of a collection of equally delightful pieces at Heal's



Bear, 12in tall, from Chad Valley, £5 from Heal's and others

Drawings by Norman Messenger
Cartoons, Nigel Paige

Give them the tools and they will do the job.

The "them" and "they" rather than the Churchillian "us" and "we" are invariably the men of the house, although why doing-it-yourself should be thought of as a predominantly male occupation has long puzzled me. A woodwork teacher once said in my hearing that women, once they had learnt the necessary skills, were far more precise joiners and cabinet makers.

But I digress. Tools, even the most mundane hammer or screwdriver, have always made acceptable presents to me. In fact you can never have enough screwdrivers. My own personal stock check at the weekend showed I have nine—of varying sizes and with only one redundant. Certainly the older ones have been bashed around; the largest, with a cracked wooden handle, is held together with insulating tape, but I wouldn't dream of throwing it away. Its bent and twisted shaft reveals that it is more often used for prizing things apart than driving screws, but it is invaluable.

If there is one message to the spouse buying for the handyman in the house it is—buy the best. The more expensive drill or saw is much more likely to last, and be appreciated by the user. One doesn't.

My selection is a contribution towards a basic tool kit. No handyman will object to an extra screwdriver: in fact I have my eyes on the Mason Master Roll-lock Dual Purpose Driver because of its adaptability. With a reversible blade for straight slot and crosshead screws, and an ability to take countersinks or drill bits if they have a ¼in shaft, it has the advantage of being multi-purpose.

You can't go wrong with hammers either. I broke two while working on our Norfolk cottage because they were too small for the job. I'm now better equipped with a large claw hammer, but I still covert the Stanley Steelmaster shown above. The other basic item in any DIY cupboard has to be a saw. The novice must quail at the range, but for starters I plump for a handsaw and a tenon saw. I've yet to make an extended trial of the Teflon-coated non-stick range, but if they are smoother and less wearing to use, I shall soon be a convert.

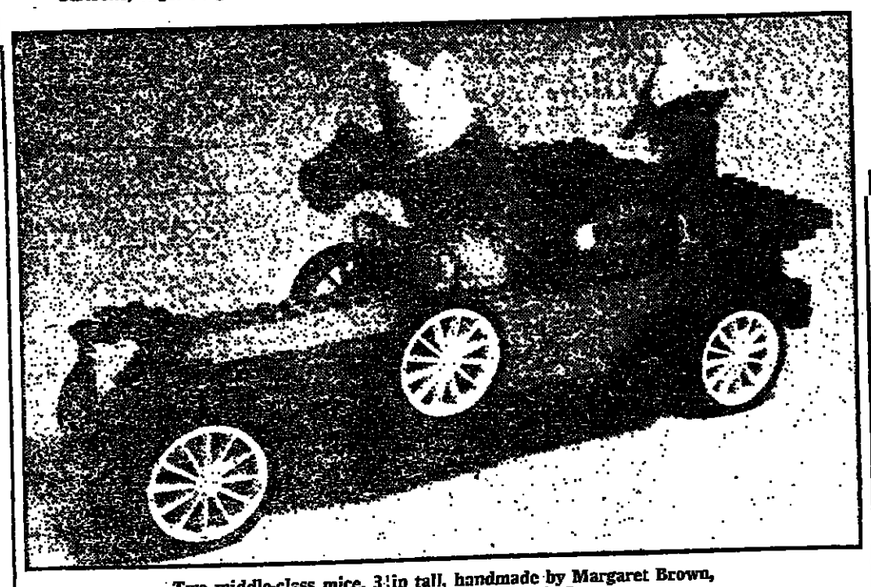
Until I had a power drill it seemed a luxury, now its absence would be like losing a limb. My Black and Decker is six years old, has done all I've asked if it, taken untold battering and has yet to complain, even when worked at the wrong speed for a particular job. Gradually, at Christmas and birthdays, my wife has brought me attachments, and I now boast a circular saw, a sander and most recently a hedge clipper. But best of all I would choose each as a self-powered tool, particularly the double-sided hedge trimmer (the D450 is £21.25.

But gifts for the handyman don't have to be expensive. I would be [illegible] (80p a punnet), which claims to fill everything from plaster to concrete and glass to stone. I've just tried it on an aged and cracked windowsill that takes the brunt of the sun each summer. Our builder said it would be better to replace the sill, but I've tried the Tetrion. It has taken undercoat and gloss paint without any problems and I reckon the problem has been solved.

I.T.

The basic home workshop needs to be suitably stored within reach. If you have made do as I have with spring clips and nails in the past, you need do so no longer. The tools on the wall are hanging from Black and Decker's Clipstor system, which consists of aluminium rail (endlessly extendable) and nine different attachments. The Clipstor kit costs £4.95, with extra rails and attachments available. From left to right on the Clipstor: Planerform Surform, £2.73; B & D Jigsaw, £11.45; Stanley 20in Handsaw, £4.06, Tenon saw, £3.99; Hand drill, £6.38; B & D power drill, £11.45; Steelmaster Hammer, £5. In London the best tool merchants I know are Buck and Ryan, 101 Tottenham Court Road, W1, whence all these are available, as are the items on the table, from left to right, Polycell Paint Pad kit, which makes paint brushes obsolete for emulsion work, £2.95; Mason Master Roll-lock screwdriver, £2.70, Stanley 6in driver, 95p, Yankee spiral ratchet driver, £4.50, 8in driver, £1.77, B & D power sander, £11.45; Claw hammer £2.45; and Chisels, ½in £1.45, 1in £2.??





Two middle-class mice, 3½in tall, handmade by Margaret Brown, £1 each, Heal's, in 1926 Renault in Lego. (Super set, generally available, in wooden box, £15.85).

"I want to buy an oil well", said the pinstriped man at the counter. What's more, he could—but this was in Hamleys, where the Christmas rush is in full swing. It was always one of my ambitions to be let loose in a toyshop, and on the hottest day of last summer Hamleys opened after hours and we had a preview of Christmas joys. It was a delightful evening, with all the staff playing with their charges, and I fell desperately for a toy otter, almost lifesize in cream and brown fur fabric, for £6.45.

The trouble with toys as presents is that you can never tell what will be unreasonably adored and what will be discarded and never looked at again. A basic bear (as shown) and basic bricks are necessities. The set as illustrated from Beaver Toys of Marlborough is not only beautifully made of beechwood, but allows for almost endless permutations and combinations—turning corners, making ramps and roadways, ships and skyscrapers, and if thrown would prove handy missiles.

The basic bear, wearing a trendy little neck chain, won everyone's hearts even meriting that final accolade, a pat on the head from the Editor. Bear is expensive, at £5—Habitat, for example, have very nice little bears for 45p—but for charm and workmanship you always pay more.

There are some really expensive things about—I'm sure they are "granny" toys, in that grandparents go mad and buy them—and one is a baby donkey (at £24 odd), almost life sized, a charming and adorable creature with floppy legs, quite unplayable with, the only thing you could do with enjoyment is take it to bed, which is never a particularly satisfactory alternative, at any age. Life-sized lions, St Bernards, even Afghan hounds are at Hamleys, and there is an old-fashioned rocking horse, properly dappled, with mane and tail at £125 at Heal's.

For older children, the Priscilla Lobley Flower kits are nice—they are generally available, and include giant sunflowers at £4.30, tissue roses at £1.75, and a bouquet of mixed roses at £3.60.

As little presents for stockings, Charto & Windus's Peepshows are two fairy tales, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *The Sleeping Beauty*, which adopt the pop-up technique to provide a five-sided panorama of the story, at 95p each, and there is *Another, Another, Another and More* by Marion Walter (André Deutsch, £1.95) which is an ingenious puzzle book, containing two plastic mirrors to increase and alter the images on the page. Then there is *Creepy Castle* (Macmillan) £1.25), one in a charming series of wordless stories in pictures by John S. Goodall, this time of a pair of medieval mice, the lady in a fetching wimple—with tiny deeds of derring-do.

Buying Lego is like buying bread—everyone needs it—and there are always new kits to buy, including the Lego Nursery Bricks, for children from 18 months up. The bricks are on the same principle as Lego (and fit the smaller size) but are many times larger and therefore impossible to swallow, but just as painful to step on. Sets range from £1.10 to £3.75.

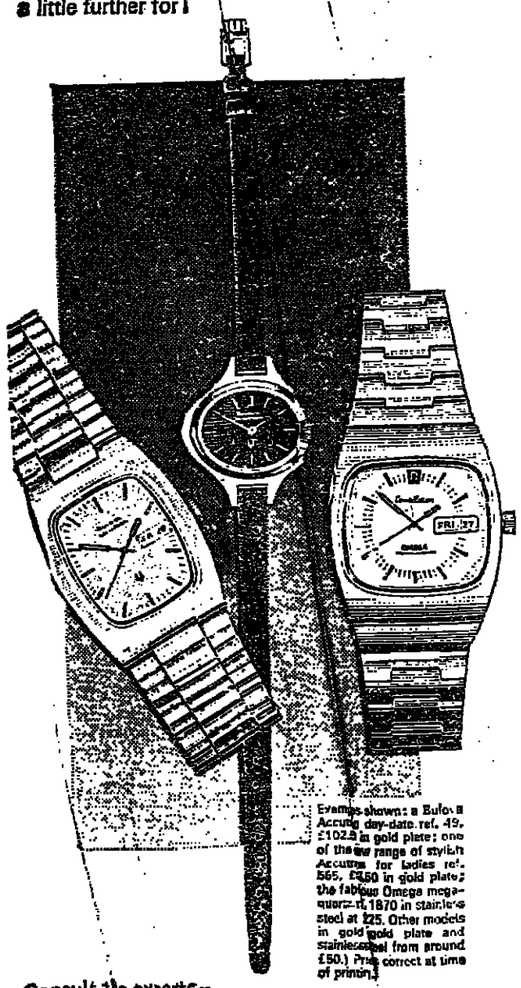
Tonka Toys claim that an elephant can step on their products without any damage being done. There must be few households that keep an elephant, but their range of trucks, bulldozers, and cars in sizes ranging from Mighty (18in-34in) down to Tiny (4in-7in) are very attractive, in cheerful colours. I particularly liked the Mighty Tonka Dozer, a bulldozer at £12.98, and there's a lorry-mounted crane at £9.55 which would provide hours of occupation. Prices of Tiny Tonkas start at 72p.

For grown-ups whose stock of seasonal goodwill is totally exhausted, there is *More Bear* by Posy Simmons (Mayflower, 40p), further adventures of the lecherous teddy who wouldn't be seen dead in a stocking unless someone was wearing it at the time: and at 45p from Hamleys, a shark for the bath.

P.T.

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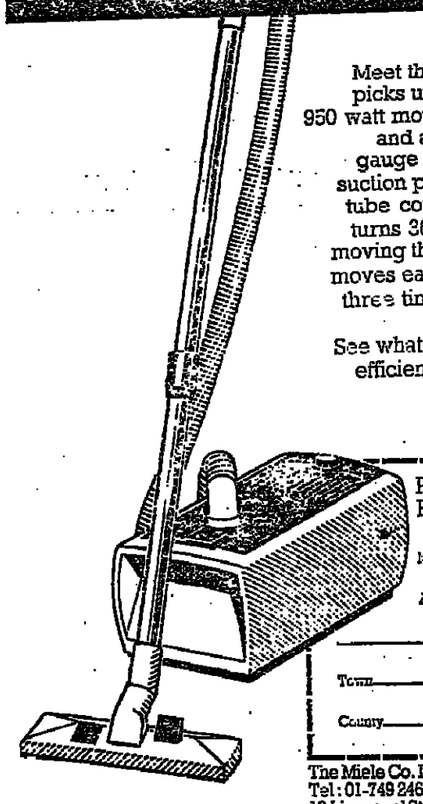
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Ronald Butt

Class, equality and Mr Crosland



What Mr Anthony Crosland has to say about matters of political philosophy is always interesting and at a crucial moment in the argument between Labour's right and left, he has just published as a pamphlet (*Fabian Tract* 438) a lecture which he gave a few weeks ago in Costa Rica about the nature of social democracy in Europe.

It is remarkable, first, for its unambiguous statement that a substantial private sector is not simply to be tolerated in the name of gradualism, or of carrying consent (which is the implication that most Labour politicians like to convey), but is in itself absolutely indispensable to political liberty.

Not only does he find the Marxist thesis of the public ownership of the means of production, exchange and distribution to be socially unnecessary, but he also asserts: "A mixed economy is essential to social democracy. For while a substantial public sector is clearly needed to give us the necessary control over the economy, complete state collectivism is without question *incompatible with liberty and democracy.*" (my italics). No Tory could be more categorical.

So if total public ownership is incompatible with liberty, what is social democracy really about? Mr Crosland's answer is again, as in his previous writings, that it is about equality—and he defines equality in terms that ought to be rigorously scrutinized.

To Mr Crosland, the new brand of "rightism" (as he calls it) which preaches "inequality" is based either on the belief that greater equality requires higher taxation, and therefore more bureaucracy, or on the argument that incentives are needed to promote efficiency in a mixed economy. Where he really gives his broken logic away is in his attitude to "incentives".

Mr Crosland concedes that the redistribution of all incomes over £5,000 would make little difference to working people. The case for more equality, he says, is based "not on any direct material gain to the poor but on the claims of social and natural justice". Leaving aside whether it would give the poor any real satisfaction, except in spiteful terms, to remove well-being from others with virtually no gain to themselves, it really is important to challenge Mr Crosland on his concept of "natural justice".

The case for adequate rewards and differentials is surely not simply, or chiefly, one of crude money incentives (though that comes into it) but of contribution to society require a standard of living appropriate to their role. Mr Crosland bases his case on "natural justice" but you could as well argue that natural justice is the sort of justice which does not, by the power of sheer weight of numbers collectively applied, inhibit the *natural* capacity of certain individuals to obtain for themselves a certain sort of life and certain standards.

Mr Crosland defines what Tories call the "politics of envy" as "no more and no less than a socialist rejection of the claims of the wealthy to a wholly unacceptable degree of privilege", but he nowhere defines with any clarity what he means by wealthy. Does he mean the very rich, the millionaires or semi-millionaires or the few others with sufficient wealth still to be rich, in ordinary terms, after taxation has done with them? At one point he talks about the "grossly excessive sumptuary spending of the wealthy" classes, so one might suppose that what worries him is really lush living and if this is so, one has little quarrel with him.

But, of course, this is not the real argument. The whole burden of this lecture makes it clear that his real targets are the medium grade of reasonably well-remunerated people, living on earned incomes, not for the most part having very lush lives, but having enough, if at the appropriate time they choose to avoid spending on luxuries, to be able to do certain important things for themselves.

They may, for instance, pay for their children's school, provide pretty providently for their pensions and health insurance and buy their own houses. They are people who, if this is their interest, are able to buy some books and sometimes go to concerts or the theatre.

In the end, the argument is about the position of these people and about what natural justice has to say about their natural right to fulfil themselves—and above all about whether they will do their job in society effectively if they are not allowed to fulfil themselves. Nobody suggests that they will deliberately opt not to do a satisfying job properly for lack of incentives; it is a question of what happens to their psychological effectiveness if they are harassed.

Mr Crosland feels strongly about the middle classes. Noting with apparent disapproval that whatever is spent on education, the character of a school's output depends largely on the character of the children entering it, he concludes that the middle classes are doing too well out of social spending. We have, he says, "underestimated the capacity of the middle classes to use their political skills to appropriate more than their fair share of public expenditure." He then lists their misdemeanours — complaining "vociferously" if they have to wait for their operations, demanding better commuter services, or better schools for their districts.

What an odd business it is! They are wrong if they can manage to look after some of these things for themselves; they are even more wrong if, being forced by Mr Crosland to use the state's provisions, they try to improve them. Is what he really wants the silent, acquiescent uncomplaining queue? Do not such complaints help everybody? Would it not be as true to say that anybody who justifiably complained about these things would be "middle class" in attitude, whatever his position in society—and wouldn't that be a good thing?

Mr Crosland is in a sense right in seeing that much of the argument which concerns him is based on class in a perfectly acceptable sense.

Nobody disputes the virtues of equal opportunity, social mobility, and redistributive taxation to provide an insurance for the welfare of every citizen. But surely nobody who is honest can also deny the reality and acceptability of class based not on origins or crudely on money, but on shared interests, abilities, achievement and background.

In every society "class" in this sense will be manifest; even in Russia the "middle classes" who provide the scientists, ballet dancers, politicians, engineers and university teachers are recognized as needing a certain standard of living if they are to fulfil themselves. How far can we really afford to condemn "class" when we compare the desert of our own contemporary cultural landscape with the great achievements of the past—the preservation and repetition of which is now our own best achievement, whether it is preserving a cathedral or re-playing Beethoven.

Can we really believe that Chartres, Michelangelo, Shakespeare, Mozart or the eighteenth-century country houses of England could have been produced except in the spaciousness provided by societies based in one way or another on class?

It is not hard to accept Mr Crosland's analysis of the relationship between social democracy and liberty. It is not easy to believe that liberty and cultural energy would long survive the kind of equality which seems to want to impose on the disparate abilities and endeavours of human beings.

In the changing pattern of foreign policy, friendly persuasion is still our chief asset

British foreign policy is changing rapidly, as a coming White Paper on the subject will make clear. It took a long time after the last war to find our place in the modern scheme of things. Now that we have done so, the Foreign Office is taking new bearings.

We do not feel so superior as we used to do, we are trying to make ourselves agreeable to people who can help us—the Arabs, the Latin-Americans—and the chief task of policy, in the eyes of those who direct it, is to conduct our foreign relations so as to help the country pay its way.

The biggest change, of course, is membership of the European Community. For all its infuriating mixture, one part idealism to five parts frustration, the Community represents the "role" which Britain finally found after giving up the empire.

But how far foreign policy is "made" by the Foreign Office, and how far it just grows in response to all the events and pressures day by day, is hard to say.

Every morning, a vast quantity of telegrams from our posts abroad, despatches, letters and minutes flow into the Foreign Office—750,000 papers a year. The traffic is intense, despite efforts to reduce it and a less formal, more chatty way of doing things compared with older days. This paper flows via the messengers (who more than anyone else lend the Foreign Office its faint air of past glories) to the desks of the different departments.

The rule in the foreign service, so young diplomats are advised, is to take decisions at the lowest level possible. A man or a woman taking over a new desk knows that on almost every conceivable subject there is an existing policy, and one should act within it. If one cannot act, one should talk.

Then if action is not possible, a proposal may be put up to the next in line, for his consideration. Anything of major importance would have to go on up to the Permanent Under Secretary, and if it goes as far as that, it would have to be approved by ministers. But ministers are busy people so there is a certain tendency to avoid over-loading their despatch boxes.

This is where the politics of foreign policy comes in. The Foreign Secretary may have his own ideas, and, what is more, is responsible in the Commons for what happens. Though the Foreign Office is an efficient machine for processing paperwork, and though the P.U.S. with his morning meeting of deputy and assistant under-secretaries turning the globe around in their cerebral way, may know much more about foreign affairs than any politician, no one doubts that politicians are in control, whether it's a Labour or a Conservative government.

How this manifests itself varies. A Foreign Secretary may tell the P.U.S. what he wants directly, or he might simply scrawl a comment on the margin of a brief, or he may work through his private office. One way or another, the "line" comes down. The Labour Party, which has lately taken a much closer interest in foreign affairs than the Conservatives, goes so far as to set out foreign policy in its election manifesto, and even tries to bind its ministers in advance, has its own likes and dislikes. The latter include Spain, South Africa and, the most recent outlet for outraged sentiment, Chile (but not, it seems, Brazil).

Ministers and diplomats alike, however, realize how little freedom of manoeuvre a medium-sized power like Britain has. Deprived, at one end of the scale, of the thrust and capability of a major power, and denied at the other extreme, the indulgence of cocking a snook at your elders, as enjoyed by small countries, Britain has to rely on her only asset: persuasion.

What is remarkable is how many countries still seem to take us seriously. The Russians are forever buttering up British ministers, urging them to "make the British voice heard", a theme which President Sadat recently sounded very strongly, for reasons of his own. And membership of the Commonwealth, alongside membership of the European Community, does give Britain a rather special place as an interlocutor—as shown for instance in Mr Wilson's new plan for raw materials, launched this summer.

"Foreign policy" emerges, somehow, from the inter-action between politics and paperwork. The world is such a various place, and there are so many myriad things going on of quite a routine nature, that the accumulation of the in-tray—the need to respond—is frequently the decisive factor.

In theory every diplomat, as he minutes his action copy of a new telegram, is supposed to be thinking of the interest of the country in a long-term way. But those sort of questions, like thoughts about the human condition when one fills in an income tax form, tend to take care of themselves.

There is not all that much time to think, especially when the Foreign Secretary spends so much time abroad. In 1975, for example, Mr Callaghan will have been away for no less than 95 days—plus at least two visits a month to his constituency in Cardiff.

A modern Foreign Minister finds himself dashing off to meetings with his European colleagues almost every week. The result is that the Foreign Ministers of the Nine know each other very well indeed and the discussions together—though they do not always seek to find a common position—do have a considerable influence on each other's thinking. When something goes wrong, as in Mr Callaghan's outburst to a separate British seat at the producers' and consumers' conference, it stands out all the more starkly.

Some people, not altogether cynically, suggest we should not have a "policy" at all. We should simply deal with events as they occur. If that is what happens most of the time, we still have to live with our own history.

As British power has ebbed away, a few jagged rocks stand out of the new terrain—Rhodesia, Belize, Cyprus, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar—places where Britain still has responsibility without power. They cause the Foreign Office more trouble than all the rest of the ongoing process of diplomacy put together.

(*Concluded*)

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Postal ballots: Answers to the questions politicians prefer to ignore



Welsh miners picketing a colliery in February last year.

One of the many important lessons of the two miners' strikes was that the Government-Mineworkers. This lack of knowledge prompted wrong decisions that could have been avoided. Presumably, the present Government has a rather better intelligence service in the labour movement, and will not make the same mistakes.

But in the wake of last week's defeat of left-wing candidates in the battle for leadership of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, there is bound to be an increased clamour for universal extension of the postal ballot—by legislative force, if need be—to all trade union elections. It is an emotive issue, and the politicians' ignorance of the facts means we are likely to be in for a fresh bout of confusion, misinformation and double-talk.

The timely publication today of a new study of democracy in British and American trade unions points up our minimal state of knowledge of the subject. *Comparative Union Democracy** by J. David Edelstein, professor of sociology at Syracuse University, New York, and Malcolm Warner, a leading British industrial sociologist, examines the level of electoral opposition in 31 predominantly blue-collar unions in the United Kingdom and investigates in detail the voting system of the miners and the engineers. They conclude that British unions are more democratic than their American counterparts, though neither system is perfect.

The significance of the book, which is more psephological than political, is that it asks unhysterically the questions that politicians often ignore in what passes for a debate on postal balloting; and they provide some of the answers. Though they are understandably coy about admitting it (in public at any rate), many of those who favour universal postal ballots want democracy on a leash; a show of conflict militant candidates may run, and score a reasonable vote, but not actually take the reins of power.

Mr Prior, the shadow Employment Secretary, has conceded privately that the Conservatives' manifesto pledge to facilitate postal ballots was intended to swing the electoral pendulum back to the right, thus diminishing the unions' political impetus. It is as well to be clear about this point before the argument gets under way in earnest.

Mr Foot, the Employment Secretary, has said that the Government will consider paying the (not inconsiderable) bill for postal balloting, if and when the TUC asks for this facility. The TUC shows no such inclination at present, being more preoccupied with the growing army of unemployed. And that is where Edelstein and Warner's revealing investigation comes in. Going back over elections of the last 20 years they found that opposition in voting for top office was "more frequent and successful than many observers thought possible". They also decided that the absence of *open* political factions and restraints on electioneering such as the general prohibition on canvassing depressed the level of democracy.

Inefficient

Examining the engineering workers' system, they discovered that only 710,000 members (65 per cent of the membership) were on the voting register, partly because some left-wing branch secretaries had "refused to cooperate in registering" but chiefly because a large number of secretaries were simply inefficient. Rather ingenuously, they add: "It seems that the new (voting) system is not favourable to close

The wealth of detail about the NUM electoral system which politicians would find instructive study material unfortunately concentrates almost entirely on the election of full-time national officials, missing the point that the real key to the political direction of the miners is the composition of the national executive. In this case, it is the moderates who have insisted on continuing representation of the "rotten borough" coalfields like Cumberland and North Wales, so that their inbuilt majority on the executive is undisturbed. Frequent attempts by the Yorkshire miners to have the issue of democracy on the executive debated at annual conference have been vetoed on technicalities. If these tactics were the work of the left, they would be mercilessly exposed by the media as ruthless gerrymandering; but of course this does not happen.

Postal balloting of a membership that is well-informed and interested in the affairs of the union is clearly more democratic and preferable to voting at poorly attended branch meetings, but Edelstein and Warner are perhaps at their most trusting when they argue that: "Questions of communication, and press freedom are clearly linked to the problems of both union democracy and opposition in the wider political context. *They are mutually supportive, for the most part*" (my italics). It may look like that from outside Fleet Street, but the noticeably more aggressive policy of the national press in recent union elections very much begs the question of how "supportive" of democracy is lurid publicity of candidates' political leanings.

While conceding that there is much to admire in the way the engineers run their elections, Edelstein and Warner argue that there is scope for improvement. They suggest an organizational model designed to ensure sustained opposition for trade union office so that members have a genuine choice of candidates who have "free use of the communications channels which an advanced technology could provide".

Revamped

The authors add: "The period of social flux and crises into which we are entering will not leave trade union organization untouched. Union constitutions will be revamped, occasionally under pressure from internal reform movements." Almost certainly correct, though unions are notoriously slow in adapting to change.

However, they are even slower if the pressure for change is external. The elevation of trade union elections into prime material for newspaper campaigns will very likely ensure that they are a serious issue in the next general election. There may well be many votes to be garnered from it, even if it made a poor showing in the armoury of the Conservatives in the last two elections. What is a great deal less certain is the likely rate of success of government intervention in this field. The experience of such interventionism in recent years is not particularly happy, and it will be a brave (and just possibly unwise) minister who embraks on such a course again.

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Making the workers happier

Prophets, sages and economists are not accustomed to being swiftly proved right. Dr E. F. Schumacher, who is all three rolled into one, has had just that rare experience. Even more remarkable, perhaps, his prognosis having proved so accurate, more and more people are beginning to look attentively at his suggested remedies.

It was in the spring of 1973 that Dr Schumacher, a former economic adviser to the National Coal Board and already known for his grass-roots approach to rural poverty in the developing world, published his book *Small is Beautiful*. The Western world was still basking in economic growth, full employment and cheap energy. The book set out Schumacher's long-held belief that large-scale, oil-intensive technology was increasingly unacceptable on social, human and economic grounds. It should, he argued, give way to a more humane, less capital and energy intensive, less centralized application of modern knowledge.

Since then we have had the savage increase in oil and other commodity prices, recession, unemployment, and in Britain, a growing dissatisfaction with our highly centralized society and regions. In the Third World, the gap between the haves and the have-nots has widened and the irrelevance of aid in the form of the same labour-saving, capital and energy-intensive Western technology has been underlined.

It was with the Third World chiefly in mind that in 1965, with a fellow economist from the National Coal Board, Mr George McRobie, and Julia Porter, then secretary of the Africa Development Trust, Dr Schumacher set up the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG for short) in London. The aim was to use today's knowledge to produce tools and plant geared to saving capital rather than labour, and to making maximum use of local materials: in short, to foster an "appropriate" new technology lying between the sickle and the harvester, as they put it.

The relevance of this approach to the industrialized as well as the developing world was soon grasped in some of the West's impoverished regions. In 1968 a group of economists from Scotland, Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland and the Appalachian mountains met in Newfoundland, joined by the realization that far from being enriched by the growing wealth of the large metropolitan centres, these were being drained and corrupted by them.

Since then the "Schumacher approach" has become part of the new regional consciousness and especially of the movement in Scotland and Wales for more self-reliance and self-government. The IT group has now appointed a senior ex-Shell engineer, Mr John Davis, to promote more humane, congenial and harmonious technology in the United Kingdom. One of his hopes is that interdisciplinary group in the regions could help correct the present uneven distribution of industry.

At the heart of the IT group's work is the conviction that technology is not a no-variable, given factor which must become ever bigger, more complex, more expensive. In their search for an intermediate technology suited to the developing countries, they adopted three main approaches: the upgrading of traditional methods; the scaling down and redesign of high-cost technologies; and the design of special new products. Typical projects have been a cheap water catchment tank, improved weaving looms, an improved form of mortar for construction, improvements in animal-powered equipment; small sugar mills with a capital cost per workplace one-tenth that of conventional large mills; small scale Portland cement plants, brick-lants, and a small metal-bending machine costing one-hundredth of the conventional machine.

Among new products have been many farm implements designed to fill the gap between hand tilling and mechanized production and a transportable charcoal kiln which converts useless scrub into charcoal. By helping to make life in poor rural areas more viable, the group is helped to slow down the flow of the hungry into more abject misery in distended cities, notably in India, whose plight helped shape Dr Schumacher's thinking.

Dr Schumacher, who is 65, was born in Bonn, studied at Oxford, emigrated to Britain in 1937, and now lives at Caterham, Surrey. He is a rather shy, tall man with grey hair, an intensely serious, intensely practical intellectual, who is as happy to design a hygienic pigsty with his farmer son, thus ruling out the need for constant medication, as to shock "miseducated" academics. When we met the other day, he was just back from the United States where he was struck afresh by the contrast between the enormous conurbations with their degrading poverty, and the vast emptiness of much of the country.

"A certain type of society has arisen in the last 100 years which produced this polarization", he said. "Instead of a law of equilibrium, we have the opposite. A series of logical steps have produced a totality which is a nonsense."

The polarization is not just physical. Large-scale technology does more than sick people into huge concentrations of population. It is also elitist—a point missed by the communists, although the Chinese have decided not to sell themselves to it. It creates a dual society: Workers who are nothing, and a thin layer of those skilled and rich enough to manipulate it. In Britain this has helped to produce a national rejection of work, he believes. "Modern society has written off work as a source of joy. The corrective can only come from individuals who want more satisfaction in their lives" One hopes they will be numerous enough to prove Dr Schumacher right again.

Roger Berthoud

The Times Diary

A small bite at the Big Apple

Alan Hamilton, in America for the World Monopoly Championship, spent a night in the bankrupt city of New York, to see if lack of cash really was bringing life to a standstill. He reports:

Immigration officers as a rule belong to the boot-faced end of the human race, but not at Kennedy Airport, New York. "You another of these crazy Monopolists?" asked this one with wry amusement. "Well, John", (the first name in my passport) "you just go right ahead and have a great time here." Then he saw my country of birth on my documents. "My great grandfather came from Dundee", he said proudly. "The best direction to take in Dundee', I quipped. He laughed loudly: with human immigration officers, the place could not be all bad.

Next stop, the customs, confronted with a very large notice: "Patience please: a drug-free America comes first." These people are nothing if not polite. The customs hall is about the size of Wembley stadium, and contains almost as many baggage handlers, customs officials and policemen as passengers. It is very efficient, but it must be expensive.

Outside, I bought a New York *Daily News*, which carried on the first of its 120 tabloid pages a story headlined "Dems Agree On City Tax Hike", which is a telegraphic way of saying that the Democratic Party which rules New York State has thought of a new way to put the rates up, raising another 135 million dollars from higher local income tax and extending sales tax to haircuts and bowling alleys.

On another page a story told of city tenants owing 12 million dollars in rent arrears: it will take an awful lot of haircuts to make that up.

At the hotel I was handed Mayor Abraham D. Beame's standard brochure of welcome, which refers to the city by its nickname of Big Apple. Beame thinks a lot of his town: "Glamorous, dynamic, legendary, unpredictable New York; the most exciting city in the world", was how he described it.

"Take us", we said to the nearest taxi driver, "to a typical, ordinary, plain, unvarnished, New York bar". The taxi driver was Iranian, spoke very fractured English, and owned the dirtiest cab in the world, which turned out to be a typical, ordinary New York cab. Every square inch of the bodywork had a dent, and the inside was ankle deep in all kinds of rubbish and muck. Every cab we travelled in was exactly the same.

The bar he took us to was an evil den, full of topless women dancing on the counter, dangerous looking swarthy men, and a curious notice which read: "Minimum order two drinks". It was not the sort of place where you argued about it. Nor were the next five bars we visited in various parts of Manhattan, all of which had the common factors of topless women and extortionate prices.

In the street outside, I saw the last thing I had expected to see in the bankrupt city: at least a dozen giant dustcarts emptying the city's dustbins at 2.30 in the morning. But a second look confirmed the suspected truth; they were all private contractors from such firms as General Garbage Corporation, and not a local authority dustman in sight. There was even a little electric truck like an Express Dairy milkfloat sweeping the gutters, and bearing the legend: "Sanitation by courtesy of Bowery Savings Bank in the interests of a cleaner New York."

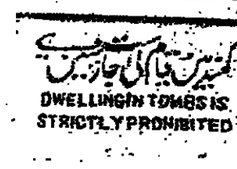
New York does not appear to be short of policemen, although it says it is. Police sirens wail by every few minutes, and there are plenty of uniformed officers on the streets, perhaps a little less immaculately turned out than Sir Robert Mark would approve of, but all amiable and talkative. One at the airport even gave away part of his uniform, the metal PA (Port Authority) badge on his collar, to the girl reporter from PA (Press Association) of London. She expected to dine out for weeks on the experience, but he is probably in a heap of trouble for such profligate waste of the city's brass collar badges.

The greatest obvious waste in New York is steam, a phenomenon which nobody could satisfactorily explain. Every few yards great geysers of hot steam erupt from tiny fissures or gaping holes in the streets and pavements, giving West 42nd, a notable example, the appearance of an Icelandic landscape. But where does it come from?

From the subway, some said, though I thought that was electric. From the sewers, said others, but the steam was not accompanied by any noxious smells. We have not the faintest idea, said a few. The most likely explanation is that a company in New York generates steam for office heating, and delivers it in pipes under the streets which, being old, tend to crack. There seems to be as much steam leaking into the air as there is going into the office blocks, and it is very disconcerting when your taxi drives straight into a ten-foot spout, obscuring all visibility.

New York may be bust, but its citizens remain generous, as proved by a small incident on Fifth Avenue. I posed for a picture with fellow Monopolists and I was delegated to hold the tin mug which shook the dice at the European finals. As I was saying "cheese" a passer-by tossed a coin into it. "That should help you starving English", he said touchingly as he walked off. It was only one cent, but perhaps he will be sending the food parcel on later.

I cannot report that I was mugged, except of my own volition by bartenders, nor can I say that the city is dirty, or smelly, or more broken down than any other great metropolis; even Tiffany's was crowded. The Big Apple may have a few maggots in it, but the inhabitants can still spare a dime. If only they would clean up their taxis.



David Battie of Sotheby's photographed this morose injunction in Central India.

Royal view

A new portrait of the Queen, commissioned by the Royal Artillery, went on view yesterday. The invitations described it as "one of the most subjective portraits yet painted of Her Majesty" and the artist, David Poole, said he had tried to catch the sense of isolation the monarch must feel.

Poole said that the keeper of the Queen's pictures had congratulated him on painting the Queen the right size. Many artists apparently feel obliged to endow royalty with an unnaturally lofty stature.

Others said that at 1st the Queen looked her proper age, and one man observed that she looked very worried "is well she might". Poole's principal worry was that the picture might not reproduce well: cropping the picture to show the features more clearly would destroy the scale; black-and-white production did not distinguish between the red and black sides of the cape; and the colour reproductions made the Queen's arm look as if it was dressed in Elastoplas

Better days

At first blush Spitalfields and silks would seem to have little to do with one another. The area is better known for its boarded up Hawksmoor church and its meths drinkers. But in the eighteenth century it was the flourishing centre of the English silk trade, dominated by the Huguenots. This was celebrated in the borough of Tower Hamlets annual lecture at their central library on Tuesday

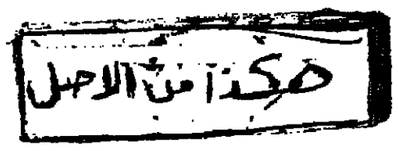
The talk was given by Natalie Rothstein from the V & A looking reassuringly knowledgeable and donnish. Spitalfields, in the silk boom was pretty posh as the merchants built their houses round Spital Square, Artillery Row, and what is now Fournier Street. It was always a luxury trade—in 1736 silk cloth for wear at the Prince of Wales wedding cost £500.

An informal lecture by two lifelong inhabitants in the audience, a retired cabinet maker and a Marxist ex-toolmaker revealed more of the area's history. They pointed out the photograph of the Great Synagogue on the corner of Fournier Street. Originally built as a Huguenot chapel, it was taken over by the London Society for Promoting Christianity Amongst the Jews, then became a synagogue.

Now it is to be converted into a mosque. "You see", they explained, "his area has always been the first stop for refugees. Now the Jews have moved on to Hendon and it's people from Bangladesh. But they all have come with various skills."

It used to be said that prowess at billiard was the sign of a misspent youth. A little nostalgically the Home Office report on protection against vandalism yesterday noted: "One police force expressed regret at the decline in the number of billiard halls, which were always popular with young people not interested in the more formal kind of club activity.

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THE MEDICAL CONTRACT

Even the most strike-prone of industries would be hard put to equal a record of three major nationwide withdrawals of labour in a year, two of them concurrent. The BMA council's decision yesterday to endorse the industrial action that the consultants have called for, and also the action that many junior doctors have already embarked on, is an index of profound disturbance in the health service. Whatever the outcome of the conflict, its effects on the service, on those who work in it and on those who need its help, are likely to be grave. It is impossible to pretend that patients will not suffer.

It must be asked whether the ends in view justify all this. When, earlier this year, the consultants restricted their hours of work in protest against proposed new contracts that they were under no compulsion to accept (and that were not half as black as they were painted in any case), the action was hasty, disproportionate and ineffective. The difficulty with the two present actions is that in their motives and merits they are distinct (from each other and from the earlier dispute) while the underlying factors are closely linked. No approach to the problem is useful which does not distinguish the different strands and also acknowledge the doctors' wider fears.

Paradoxically, the group of doctors who have the most immediate call on public sympathy have the weaker case. The junior doctors, many of whom are grossly overworked for small rewards, have mounted a direct challenge to the incomes policy which the Government, as Government and as employer, scarcely have any choice but to resist. The consultants, who can so easily be represented as concerned only with the protection of privilege and their own substantial incomes, are in fact better justified in their action. If the issue is to some extent a symbolic one, it is a symbol which justifies the importance attached to it as a test of the Government's intentions towards the profession and the health service.

Private beds make up scarcely one-hundredth of the beds in NHS hospitals. Their existence is of major direct importance to fewer than half even of doctors of consultant status. They are an administrative anomaly to the tidy-minded and they permit private patients (most of whom are not by any standards wealthy) to gain small advantages in the timing and privacy of their treatment. These peripheral comforts do not often amount to privilege of a kind that it is reasonable to regard as offensive ("queue-jumping", in particular, where it occurs, could easily be eliminated without dismantling the system).

These few beds are of some importance to the NHS: they bring in a small income and allow effective savings on salaries; they keep consultants who have private work in hospital within reach of their NHS patients; they ensure a basically common standard of care for patients of both kinds; and they reduce the wasteful duplication of facilities. To doctors they are far more important. They are in practice the only opportunity for private work available to consultants in many parts of the country.

The Government have not accompanied their plan with acceptable proposals for guaranteeing the incomes of doctors who depend on them heavily. But many doctors who have no private work, and never expect to, attach as much importance to the beds as their colleagues do. The existence of private practice is felt to be a last-resort safeguard to professional independence and a protection against exploitation. The Government's intentions towards private beds are seen as indicative of its intentions towards private practice in general, and towards medical services as a whole. What the doctors, therefore, think to be at stake is the whole basis of the Health Service—are doctors to be independent professionals on contract or are they to be salaried civil servants? An alteration in that is indeed fundamental to their conditions of service.

Of course, the Government have the right to give legal effect to the proposals in manifesto, but they have no right to assume that those who work for them will accept the changes. As an employer it is foolish to make unilateral changes in their terms of work that vital employees reject and regard as crucially important: any union would fight in the same circumstances. To legislate such a change at a time when the morale of the service is subject to severe stresses for other reasons is doubly foolish. To do so under pressure of industrial action from other health service employees is to invite the doctors to apply pressure of the same kind. Even a victory in such a struggle would be liable to be pyrrhic if it left such disaffection behind it that doctors individually opted in large numbers to leave the service or the country for good. Ultimately doctors are not only the most essential category of worker in the NHS, but also the one least dependent on it.

Perhaps the Government feel that as they are caught between unions in conflict they must brazen things out. But it is a prudent principle that a union whose workers consider their own vital interests to be at stake will be more formidable than one with ideas about social policy that get deferred. Procrastination lies to hand in the form of referring the matter to the Royal Commission on the health service, and that is the course that offers the best chance of avoiding practical harm, as well as the least sacrifice of ideology and face. A confrontation with the doctors now, on an issue of principle, will do Mr Wilson's Government no good.

A LICENCE TO CONSPIRE

The National Executive of the Labour Party has rejected Mr Prentice's appeal. This is a pity. The point of Mr Prentice's appeal was that the people who had organized the *movement* against *him* in *his* constituency were not genuine members of the Labour Party. He did not allege that they had failed to go through the correct machinery but that they represented part of a conspiracy of the far left to infiltrate Labour constituencies, to remove moderate Members of Parliament and wherever possible to secure the adoption of their own type of far left socialist as Labour candidates.

In this fear Mr Prentice is far from being alone. From what the Prime Minister has said about the Prentice case we know that he also shares it, yet the Prentice allegation has never been properly investigated. The National Executive Committee has behaved as though the only question was a mechanical question of whether the rules had been followed. On this basis Sir Oswald Mosley could take over a Labour constituency if he could get enough people to join the Labour Party and vote for his adoption as a candidate.

The question is whether this alleged conspiracy is real or false. The essential distinction must be between democratic socialists and non-democratic socialists; between those who want to create socialism in a free society and those who are prepared to destroy the free society in order to achieve the socialist state that they want. In general the Marxist fringe groups, the international socialists, the Trotskyites and so on are anti-democratic, as in his main teaching was Karl Marx himself.

There are undoubtedly people on the far left of the Labour Party who cooperate freely with these groups yet retain at least in their own eyes a commitment to democracy. One may doubt whether their ideals would prove compatible with democracy if they were realized but that is another matter. Yet equally certainly there are a considerable number of anti-democrats whose only interest in the Labour Party is to infiltrate it and use it for their own purposes. Against such people the Labour Party must defend itself if it is to remain a democratic party.

This is the issue that a left wing National Executive has refused consequently for many democratic Labour Members of Parliament; indeed the National Executive has now given the infiltrators a licence to conspire. Yet there is also the situation of prospective candidates to be considered. The Labour Party needs to have a supply of able and genuinely democratic candidates, of people whose political sympathies are those of the majority of the present Cabinet. Such people will not be eager to come forward if they see that conspiracies by extreme leftists can deprive even members of the present Cabinet of their seats. If the conspiracy is already strong enough to push out Cabinet Ministers it is likely to be strong enough to prevent good democratic candidates of less eminence being adopted. The issue has once again shown up the weakness of the National Executive; it is one of importance both to the future of the Labour Party and to the future of democracy in Britain.

MR SHORE AND INFLATION ACCOUNTING

To the general public, the seemingly arcane debate on proposed changes in accounting practice to suit this age of inflation, much of which has been taking place in the columns of *The Times*, may seem far removed from the important things of life. In fact, however, the decisions about how "profit" should be measured in our commercial and industrial enterprises lies at the centre of our economic and, therefore, social and political system. In an age of inflation, the process of rising prices and falling money values has without question caused conventional accounting techniques to overstate the average level of commercial profitability.

This much is now generally accepted. The accounting profession, in the main accepts it. The Committee on Inflation Accounting under Mr Francis Sandilands's chairmanship accepted it in its report. Yesterday Mr Peter Shore announced that the Government accepted it as well. In practice, the Chancellor of the Exchequer had already made the concession in 1974, when he introduced tax relief for "profits" made purely as the result of increases in the value of stocks held by companies. It is, however, to be welcomed that Mr Shore has now indicated a more general acceptance of the point.

The problem, however, is that there is no universal agreement on how the traditional accounting system should be changed. By referring the Sandilands proposals to a Steering Group set up by the accountancy profession, under Government guidance, Mr Shore has rightly provided for further detailed investigation of how best an accounting system suited to a period of inflation should be shaped. Further, by setting a target date of December, 1977, after which a new system of accounting might be in force, the Government have indicated that the setting up of a Steering Group is by no means a device for putting the issue back on the shelf.

The Sandilands report rightly stressed that the question of the measurement of profit was also closely tied up with other politically sensitive issues, such as taxation and price control. If it is agreed that the present system of accounting is substantially overstating "real" profits for a substantial number of companies, this cannot but have far reaching implications in these and other areas. Yesterday Mr Shore indicated that he wanted these other issues to be studied separately and not by the Steering Group. This may make administrative or political sense. In practice, however, the redefinition of the central principles of accounting will involve overdue changes of attitude and policy in these other areas.

Ratepayers' movement

From Professor Tony Eddison

Sir, I am greatly saddened and disturbed by the almost wholly destructive and self-centred force of the ratepayers' movement in this country, stoked, as it is currently, by a mindless, puerile campaign by the *Daily Mail* and some provincial newspapers.

Local government by its very nature can never hope to have many champions outside its ranks but it seems to be taking a beating, in many respects undeserved, and one which is slowly turning dedicated hardworking public officials and politicians into dispirited cynics. Hence we all stand to lose.

That local government can do a better job, few would deny. Anyone who has only the slightest knowledge of it will testify to the tremendous efforts currently being made to maintain services, carry out additional tasks imposed by our own Parliament and to produce new ideas for overcoming the present economic difficulties. These efforts are not assisted by the publication of slanted gossip, details of personal salaries, and moans about local government's failings and excessive rate demands (in the last 10 years my rates have increased by 162 per cent, the *Daily Mail* by 300 per cent).

Very little is said about how difficult the task is and not many helpful ideas advanced as to how a local authority provides for "essential" needs at less cost, how it decides what is essential and to whom, how it provides "choice" (but only for those with the resources to exercise it?), or indeed what the real price is of cutting services. Much depends on one's politics of course, but if one is making assertions and protestations from a position of material, intellectual or political strength then it behoves one to ask oneself what one is *giving* to the situation.

All three political parties in local government have been concerned in their different ways to give to the community. The ratepayers' movement seems narrowly self-indulgently, and runs in the long term dangerously, focused on what it can destroy.

Yours faithfully,
TONY EDDISON,
Professor of Policy Urban Studies,
Director of School for Advanced Urban Studies,
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Rodney Lodge,
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Bristol.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fishing dispute with Iceland

From Mr Evan Luard, Labour MP for Oxford

Sir, Mr Lewington (November 24) is wrong in thinking that the British Government grants licences for oil drilling in a 200-mile zone off our coasts. It does so, as it is entitled to do under the Geneva Convention of 1958, in all waters under 200 metres in depth (as are all those of the North Sea) out to the median line which has been internationally agreed.

But he and other correspondents are surely right in suggesting that Britain will increasingly need to balance her desire to fish in Iceland's 200 mile zone (or, still more, in her 50 mile zone) with her desire to reserve fish in her own waters, to similar distances, to her own fishermen. The argument against unilateral action by Iceland is scarcely sufficient, since we cannot be sure that there will ever be multilateral agreement (and because we ourselves threatened to extend our own fishing limits unilaterally in the past).

This applies even more to our other arguments against Iceland: traditional rights and existing agreements. For other European nations will certainly use precisely those arguments against us if we subsequently seek to extend our fishing limits, quoting their own traditional rights in our waters and the 1964 European Fisheries Convention. The more strongly we press those arguments now the more difficult we will find them to resist then.

Yours faithfully,
EVAN LUARD,
House of Commons.

Doctors' dispute

From Dr C. M. C. Allen and others

Sir, If a group of workers in a manufacturing industry decided to take industrial action to further their negotiating position in a dispute over increased overtime payments and yet said that their product would continue to be produced unharmed, they would be laughed at. If doctors say that they can take effective industrial action without their patients being harmed, they deserve the same derision. If they say that they are prepared to take action that they know will be to their patients' detriment, then their situation begins to have a more serious description.

As junior hospital doctors we, the undersigned, consider that it is not within the moral right of doctors, by the nature of the job we do, to take action that will deliberately harm the health of our patients. It is, after all, this health which is, loosely, the product of our work.

The present dispute ... either ... or doctors. It is not a fight to cure their poverty. Can it be right that a doctor be struck from the medical list for having sexual relations with a patient, while it appears to be legitimate to deliberately withhold treatment in the cause of doctors' own financial gain?

We would condemn as morally wrong and ethically indefensible any action in this dispute which harms the health of patients. We would, furthermore, criticize any action short of this as being politically inadequate.

Yours faithfully,
C. M. C. ALLEN,
Lewisham Hospital,
P. G. JACKSON,
King's College Hospital,
A. M. TURNER,
Brook General Hospital,
W. J. GRABAU,
Lewisham Hospital.

Grantchester Meadows

From the Reverend James Owen

Sir, Your correspondents writing (perhaps significantly) from Grantchester Road, Cambridge, express suitable concern about the Western Relief Road. But they should not forget that both this road, and the new Western Bypass, will *both*, hopefully, clear The Backs (Queen's Road) of heavy traffic.

It is a long-running scandal (and one which would not perhaps have been tolerated in Oxford) that one of the most beautiful roads in Europe should thus be used.

If the new roads clear this road it is true that a walk to Grantchester will have to go under the new road (or over it); but surely the advantages gained will be infinitely greater than those lost.

I (openly) declare an interest: I live in Newnham Terrace which lies between The Backs and Newnham Road, and I write letters in London where the noise of Pall Mall is less disturbing!

Yours faithfully,
JAMES OWEN,
United Oxford & Cambridge University Club,
71 Pall Mall, SW1.
November 25.

Queen's Silver Jubilee

From Mr Roger de Freitas and Mr Rod Allen

Sir, Mr Court-Mappin suggests you repeat your discreet border of vine leaves, roses, thistles and shamrocks for Her Majesty's Jubilee in 1977 (Letters, November 24).

Apart from the obvious omission of either leeks or daffodils, we do feel that in view of the present risks run by newspapers from devolutionists, nationalists and letter-writers, the 1977 border must also include: maple leafs, kangaroos, kiwis, rocks or apes to symbolize Gibraltar, cattle for the Channel Islands, one of those three-legged things for the Isle of Man, a gannet for the Island of Thanet, a gull for the Isle of Mull, a neatly engraved oil rig for the Shetlands, a policeman's helmet for Anguilla, a map to tell us where St Kitt's (and Nevis) are, and a puffin for Lundy.

We remain, Sir, your obedient servants,
ROGER DE FREITAS,
ROD ALLEN,
111A Wardour Street, W1.
November 24.

An accused's right to trial by jury

From Mr David Tudor Price

Sir, The Committee presided over by Lord Justice James in a distinguished report have suffered one major aberration. They propose that the right of a man charged with theft of less than £20 to be tried by a jury should be withdrawn. In one stroke seven centuries of English legal history are to be sacrificed on the modern altar of expediency.

Our society has not yet reached the point where to be charged as a thief is not a charge of the utmost gravity. To a majority of people whether they are in public life or are private citizens enjoying the esteem of their family and their neighbours to be convicted of such a charge is a major personal disaster. The £20 limit proposed is wholly arbitrary and takes no account of the circumstances of the alleged theft. Thefts of a small sum from the offertory, pennies from the blind stocking, change from the accident victim or the widow's mite all incur greater public condemnation than thefts of sums over the proposed limit which do not have such circumstances of aggravation.

This is an attack, Sir, on our liberties. It is interesting that Blackstone two centuries ago with prophetic wisdom foresaw that one day such an attack would come. In Book 4 of his Commentaries he said that the jury system must be protected not only from open attacks "but also from all secret machinations which may sap and undermine it; by introducing new and arbitrary methods of trial by justices of the peace, commissioners of the revenue and courts of conscience. And however convenient these may appear at first (as doubtless all arbitrary powers, well executed, are the most convenient) yet let it be again remembered that delays and little inconveniences in the form of justice are the price that all free nations must pay for their liberty in more substantial matters; that these inroads upon this sacred bulwark of the nation are fundamentally apposite to the spirit of our constitution and that though begun in trifles the precedent may gradually increase and spread to the utter disuse of juries in questions of the most momentous concern".

You, yourself, Sir, in your leading article today (November 26) expressed muted disapproval of this proposal but you did not go far enough. It will be a black day indeed in these islands upon which the historic right of a man accused of theft to be tried by a jury is withdrawn upon the grounds that it is inconvenient to allow it.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
DAVID TUDOR PRICE,
Queen Elizabeth Building,
Temple, EC4.
November 26.

Abortion

From Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Essex, South-East

Sir, Lord Houghton and Lord Pannell claim (November 25) that "only those who seek to arouse fresh controversy by attacking the main purposes of the 1967 Act can now support the reappointment of the Select Committee on the Abortion Amendment Bill".

This is grossly unfair to those members of the Select Committee who, like myself, do not wish to upset the Abortion Act but are determined that the intentions of Parliament when passing it in 1967 do not continue to be flouted, as they have been, by serious abuse in the private sector.

Mr James White's Amendment Bill may have some serious defects, but it was introduced, and secured a second reading, because of deep public anxiety about known abuses and the failure of the Government to deal effectively with them and to implement the sensible recommendations of the Lane Committee. Indeed, immediately the Bill appeared the Department of Health and Social Security came to life and started to seek the information which it should have had all along. The fact that the Government have accepted the interim recommendations of the Select Committee in regard to the ... [illegible]

There are still a great many matters on which the Select Committee has yet to pronounce if it is to complete the task for which it was set up. I will give only three examples though I could cite many more.

First, the 1967 Act most certainly did not intend to provide abortion on demand, as the Lane Committee later confirmed. Yet some medical practitioners have interpreted the Act in that sense. Clarification of the law is needed and that will require amendment.

Second, there is need to bring the upper time limit of 28 weeks for abortions into line with current world medical opinion. 20 weeks has been mentioned, and it is relevant to recall that the BMA, commenting on the Lane Report, said:

"even with the reduction from 28 to 24 weeks, however, the position still exists that owing to an error in the calculation of dates a foetus intended for destruction could be born alive and be capable of functioning as a self-sustaining whole independent of any connection with the mother."

Any reduction in the upper time limit must involve amendment of the existing law.

Third, it is clearly unsatisfactory to leave the licensing of abortion clinics or the blacklisting of pregnancy advice bureaux to administrative control without any right of appeal. Here again there is need, stressed repeatedly by the Department of Health and Social Security itself, for ... reappoint the Select Committee so that it can complete the work entrusted to it in the last session.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD BRAINE,
House of Commons.
November 26.

Control of Ulster police

From Lord Hunt

Sir, I was interested to read Mr Harry West's assurance (November 24), by reference to the draft bill contained in the report of the Constitutional Convention, that a future government of Northern Ireland formed on the model proposed by his party would not seek to control the armed forces of the Crown stationed in the province.

Mr West made no reference to the Royal Ulster Constabulary or other police forces stationed in Ulster, whose control by a government of the majority party is unequivocally claimed in Part IX, para 55 (a) of the appendix to the convention report. It is this claim to which the RUC Police Federation was reported on November 18 to have made strong objection.

So long as the emergency in N Ireland continues to demand concerted action by the security forces there can surely be no question of divided control: ie of the police by the local government and the armed forces by Westminster?

Moreover, it is my view, based on my experience in 1969 that even when conditions in N Ireland make it possible for the police to resume full responsibility for law and order, control should only revert to a provincial government in the province on the promise that such a government were proportionally representative of both main communities, and that the RUC, whose integrity, loyalty, courage and impartiality I do not question, were able to recruit its membership to reflect more fully both Protestants and Catholics.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HUNT,
House of Lords.
November 25.

Soldiers' headgear

From Mr Alan Clark

Sir, Television continues to show us pictures of motor cyclists, construction workers and people on oil rigs all wearing hard hats. And yet the Army in Northern Ireland seems almost always to be bare headed although their chances of concussion are, presumably, higher.

The ultimate in the illogical was perhaps a recent picture of a soldier in Crossmaglen wearing a camouflage combat jacket, designed no doubt to make him merge with the background, but on his head a beret with a large, conspicuous and brightly coloured cockade.

Curious.

Yours, etc,
ALAN CLARK,
21 The Borough,
Montacute,
Somerset.

Juvenile crime

From Dr John Baldwin

Sir, Commander Peter Marshall (November 24) is critical of Mrs Renée Short's statement that juvenile crime has increased in recent years in the same proportion as adult crime and he adduces figures from the *Criminal Statistics* to show the contrary. In my view, both are in error on this point. Well over half of all offences known to the police in any year remain undetected and it is wrong to assume that those that are detected bear any direct relation to the remainder.

Indeed, the results of research support an opposite conclusion. The police would appear on the whole to be more successful in apprehending offenders concerned in offences which involve relatively small sums of money than in apprehending those who have committed more serious offences. It seems likely that juveniles will be overrepresented among the former group. It is in consequence misleading to make generalizations purely on the basis of detected crime.

So unilluminating are the figures presented in the *Criminal Statistics* in this regard that I would argue that there is no way of knowing—nor is there any likelihood of finding out in the future—the extent to which (if indeed at all) juvenile crime has increased over the years.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BALDWIN,
Institute of Judicial Administration,
Faculty of Law,
University of Birmingham,
PO Box 363, Birmingham.
November 25.

Union elections

From Mr David Goodenday

Sir, Your leading article on the AUEW elections expresses justifiable relief at the outcome. But your apparent satisfaction with the 37 per cent voting turn-out is to me incomprehensible. When so much is at stake for the union members, both nationally but, even more important for them, also with regard to their own job security, is it not extraordinary that 63 per cent did not bother to vote? This is surely a prime example of our most harmful national attitude at the present time—crass apathy.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GOODENDAY,
Bunkers Dip.
101 Kingsley Way,
Hampstead, N2.
November 19.

New coins

From Mr M. S. Wills

Sir, Your Coins Correspondent has suggested that the jubilee year of the Queen, 1977, might be marked by the issue of redesigned coinage.

I hope that the opportunity will be taken to produce a lighter tenpenny piece, possibly one-fifth the weight of the 50p. together with a 20p piece of two-fifths the weight of the 50p. The weight of "small" change can be quite a burden nowadays.

Yours faithfully,
M. S. WILLS,
50 Woodwaye,
Watford.
Hertfordshire.
November 18.

Advancing adult education

From Lord Eccles and others

Sir, On July 17, 1974, we wrote a letter to your paper on the subject of the Russell Report on Adult Education. The report, "Adult Education: a Plan for Development", was published in April 1973, four years after the initial appointment of the committee. It called for a government lead in a statement of policy as to what is meant by "a varied and comprehensive service of education" as far as adult education is concerned, and urged that "adult education must be accorded a priority by central and local government and be undertaken with an attack, that would be the logical sequel to the breakthrough in vocational education in the 1950s". The committee demonstrated that this could be achieved without "a vast outlay of public money" but rather by a "corrective switch of emphasis".

The then Secretary of State for Education and Science promised a consultative document on the Russell Report but in December 1973 stated that because of the financial situation discussion would have to be deferred. Our letter of July 17, 1974, was to urge that this decision be reconsidered. On July 19 Mr Prentice announced in a written answer in the House that "The Government is now ready to open discussion on the Russell Report". We therefore withdrew our letter from your columns.

Once again, more than a year has passed and nothing further has been heard from the Department of Education and Science of its consultations on Russell.

We consider that adult education is an important sector of the nation's education system both from the point of view of the personal development of the individual and from that of the social contribution it can make—as witness the current Adult Literacy Campaign. The economic crisis is still with us, but discussion and consultation do not cost money. It would be tragic if the modest proposals of the Russell Report to accord to adult education the priority it deserves were to disappear simply by the lapse of time.

We urge the Secretary of State to let it be seen that the Russell report *is* being seriously considered before it is too late. In particular, we suggest that if the national development council recommended by Russell were to be set up at once this would be an effective way of surveying the field and assessing the priorities in adult education against the time when positive economic measures become possible. Such a move would also do something to dispel the current anxiety that the Russell Report is, unofficially but none the less effectively, sunk without trace.

Yours faithfully,
ECCLES OF AXBRIDGE,
WILLIAM COLDSTREAM,
ROGER FALK,
ALAN FISHER,
DUNCAN OPPENHEIM,
ALASTAIR PILKINGTON,
MICHAEL TIPPET,
JOHN VAIZEY,
November 25.

Tied farm cottages

From Mr Anthony Rosen

Sir, Mr R. M. Bottini in your columns (Tied farm cottages, November 24) implies that because "the general council of the TUC have unanimously accepted that priority should be given to the abolition of the tied cottage system in agriculture" that this is the wish of the occupants of these cottages.

Every survey that has been carried out has shown this to be far from the truth.

In my own company's case an independent survey of the 108 employees who were then living in our tied cottages showed that 84 per cent of them were against the abolition of the system. Results from other surveys have all shown similar or even greater aversion to abolition by farm employees.

One cannot believe that the Government capable of producing the White Paper *Food from our own resources* can, at the same time, seriously contemplate the abolition of the tied cottage system in agriculture. The effects of such a measure on food production, especially in the livestock sector, would be quite disastrous for the country. Even more serious is the tremendous harm such a measure must do to the occupants of tied cottages.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY ROSEN,
Managing Director,
Fountain Farming Limited,
Chapmansford Farm,
Hurstbourne Priors,
Whitchurch,
Hampshire.
November 25.

Oldest ball game

From Mr R. G. Robinson

Sir, In Philip Howard's *Sportsview* article today (November 15) he introduces real tennis as the "oldest extant ball game in the world".

Is this status not held in fact by polo, with a recorded match between the Persians and the Turkomans in about 600 BC?

Yours faithfully,
R. G. ROBINSON,
Greystones,
Wallcrouch,
Near Wadhurst,
East Sussex.
November 15.

Platonic postscript

From Mr Theodore Besterman

Sir, Like Mr Levin I prefer cats to dogs, though largely for aesthetic reasons: the beauty of a young Siamese is beyond compare. However, in all other respects, who are we to contradict Plato, who tells us (*Republic* 376A) that the dog is the most philosophical animal in the world.

Your obedient servant,
THEODORE BESTERMAN,
Thorpe Mandeville House,
near Banbury,
Oxon.
November 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 26: Mr H. G. Balfour-Paul was received in audience by The Queen this morning and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tunis.

Mrs Balfour-Paul had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Thabo Ephraim Ntlhakana was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Kingdom of Lesotho in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission who had the honour of being presented to The Queen: Mr M. Molapo (Counsellor) and Mr N. T. Lejaha (First Secretary).

Mrs Ntlhakana had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by The Queen, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen received a representative party from the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles) who presented The Queen's Trumpeter for Her Majesty's inspection.

The Queen subsequently honoured the Colonel of the Regiment (Brigadier S. P. M. Kent) and the Officers with Her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Guard Room, St James's Palace.

The Hon Mary Morrison was in attendance.

Her Majesty held an Evening Reception for the Diplomatic Corps at Buckingham Palace at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma were present.

The String Band of the Welsh Guards played selections of music during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a detachment of the Household Cavalry, dismounted, were on duty.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Glasgow Queen Street Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by the Right Hon the Lord Provost of Glasgow.

His Royal Highness, President of the United Kingdom Council for European Architectural Heritage Year, drove to the Stock Exchange, was received by the Chairman, Scottish Civic Trust (the Viscount Muirshiel) and later visited other schemes in connexion with European Architectural Heritage Year.

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Lord Rupert Nevill, subsequently left Glasgow Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Madrid.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of the Prince's Council at the Duchy of Cornwall Office, Buckingham Gate, this morning.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning visited the National Equestrian Centre at Stoneleigh.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and, having been received upon arrival at the Royal Agricultural Society of England, Stoneleigh, by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Captain F. H. M. Fitzroy-Newdegate) and Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Llewellyn, drove to the National Equestrian Centre.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was received by the President, British Equestrian Federation (Colonel Sir Michael Ansell) and Her Royal Highness subsequently unveiled a commemorative Plaque and opened the Saddlers' Stables and Allander House Hostel.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Guild of St Helena Christmas Fair at the Civic Centre, Camberley.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was received upon arrival by the Mayor of the Borough of Surrey Heath (Councillor Mrs V. Richards).

Miss Rowena Brassey was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 26: The Duke of Gloucester attended the thirtieth Anniversary Lunch of the Institute of Road Transport Engineers at the Connaught Rooms.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

November 26: The Duchess of Kent, Controller-Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, today attended the Director's Conference at the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall.

Miss Jane Pugh was in attendance.

A service of thanksgiving for Professor Gordon Hamilton Fairley will be held in St Paul's Cathedral, on Thursday, December 4, at 5 pm.

Reception

HM Government

Mr Edward Bishop, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday evening in honour of the EEC Sugar Management Committee.

Luncheons

Building Societies Association

The President of the Building Societies Association, the Earl of Selkirk, and the chairman, Mr Desmond Porter, yesterday entertained the following guests at luncheon at 14 Park Street, London, W1:

[illegible] Minister of Australia, Mr J. [illegible], Sir Kirby Laing, Lord [illegible], Sir William Whitelaw, [illegible].

Lord Hirshfield

Lord Hirshfield entertained members of the British Association of Hotel Accountants at luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday. The toast of the association was proposed by the guest of honour, the Dean of St Paul's, president of the London Tourist Board. The response was by Mr J. A. Bodkin, chairman of the association.

Forthcoming marriages

Lieutenant-Colonel D. J. W. Anstice and Miss J. M. G. MacDougald

The engagement is announced between David John Wemyss Anstice, The Royal Hussars (PWO), younger son of Vice-Admiral Sir Edmund Anstice, KCB, and Lady Anstice, of Inverdunning House, Dunning, Perthshire, and Jane Mary Gordon, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs W. J. MacDougald, of Kenyon, Yetminster, Dorset.

Mr R. Calvocoressi and Miss F. Temple Roberts

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs I. M. Calvocoressi, of Court Lodge, Westerham, Kent, and Francesca, daughter of Mrs E. Temple Roberts, of 32 Lamont Road, SW10, and the late David Temple Roberts.

Mr T. M. Gardner and Miss A. F. Melville

The engagement is announced between Thomas Martin, son of Mr and Mrs F. H. Gardner, of Hampstead, London, and Ann Folliott (Annie), daughter of Mr and Mrs N. S. Melville, of The Red House, Marshfield, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Dr S. J. Harland and Miss H. E. Mayne

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Dr and Mrs J. C. Harland, of Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, and Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. J. Mayne, of Trinity Road, Wimbledon.

Mr M. D. MacCurrach and Miss H. M. Barker

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Major and Mrs R. P. MacCurrach, of Tagmoor Farm, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, and Henrietta, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs G. K. Barker, of Coldstone, Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

Mr F. J. Warner and Miss J. J. Holleman

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Warner, of Wheatsheaf Farm, Sittingbourne, Kent, and Jay, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henk J. Holleman, of Riverside Lodge, Court Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

The Rev M. A. Winshurst and Miss J. C. Tyrwhitt Drake

The engagement is announced between Michael Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs T. E. Winshurst, of Bexhill-on-Sea, and Jennifer Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake, of Compton Lodge, Eastbourne.

Christenings

The infant daughter of Count and Countess Nikolaus von Bethlen was christened Katalin on November 25 in Vienna. The godparents are Mr Michael de Szell (for whom Count Friedrich von Hartig stood proxy) and Princess Amalie von Furstenberg d'Aboville.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey van Cutsem was christened Sophie by Father Michael Holman in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on November 25. The godparents are the Hon George Lopes, Mr Hugh Stucley, Lady Sarah Sinclair and Mrs Joseph Scott Plummer.



Mr David Poole with his portrait of the Queen, which will be hung in the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess at Woolwich. (Diary, page 14.)

Dinners

Earl of Selkirk

The Earl of Selkirk entertained members of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs Dinner Club at dinner at the House of Lords yesterday. M Pierre Millet was the principal guest.

High Court Journalists' Association

The annual dinner of the High Court Journalists' Association was held at the Law Society's Hall, London, yesterday evening. The chairman, Mr J. B. Crosby, presided. The guests included: Lord Justice Megaw, Lord Justice James, Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, MP (Chairman of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar), Mr Justice Caulfield, Mr Justice Boreham, Mr E. W. Liggins (President of the Law Society), Lord Hartwell (chairman and editor-in-chief, The Daily Telegraph) and The Sunday Telegraph), Sir William Deedes (editor, "The Daily Telegraph"), Sir Robert Lancaster ("Daily Express"), Mr Bernard Shrimsley (editor, "News of the World"), Mr David Chipp (editor-in-chief, Press Association) and Mr Ian Yates (general manager, Press Association).

Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers

The Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers held their final dinner of the present session at the Institution of Civil Engineers yesterday evening. Mr W. Hawkey presided. Among those present were:

Sir John Wrightson, the Earl of Halsbury, Sir Victor Sherpherd, Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, Sir Antonia Paton, Sir William Harris, Sir Kirby Laing, Vice-Admiral Sir George Raper, Mr G. M. Blaikie, Mr Cecil Turner.

Society of Apothecaries of London

The Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, Dr E. Grey-Turner, accompanied by his Wardens, Professor Donald Teare and Mr Ian Jackson, gave a yeomanry dinner at Apothecaries' Hall yesterday evening. Others present included:

Mr E. C. Glover, Dr H. D. Teare, Dr G. R. Kershaw, Dr H. M. Sinclair, Sir Ronald Bodley Scott, Dr G. E. W. Wolstenholme, Dr T. D. Whittet, Professor J. B. Stenlake, Mr W. F. W. Southwood, Mr T. K. Schofield, the Rev P. Dyson, chaplain, the deans of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, the Royal Free Hospital Medical School, St Mary's Hospital Medical School and St Thomas's Hospital Medical School, Surgeon Captain C. B. Nicholson, and Dr N. J. B. Nicholson.

Stationers and Newspaper Makers Company

The Master, Mr Leonard E. Kenyon, and the Wardens, Mr Jack Matson and Mr E. Glanvill Benn, of the Stationers and Newspaper Makers' Company, held a livery dinner at Stationers' Hall yesterday. The principal guests were the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs.

The Atlantic 'an effective advocate'

By Our Arts Reporter

While Cromwell's army could master Ireland, neither he nor his successors could effectively assert the power of the English Parliament over the Americans. "Three thousand miles of ocean accomplished what could not be accomplished by a thousand years of history". Dr Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress, said in his third Reith Lecture, "The Therapy of Distance", on BBC Radio 4 last night.

The Atlantic Ocean, he added, proved a more effective advocate than all the constitutional lawyers of Ireland.

In the seventeenth century, while Englishmen in America were building colonies, the Irish, separated by only a few miles of water, were trying without success to assert their right to legislate for themselves.

The English Commonwealth Parliament of 1649, with the arrogance of a parvenu, declared that the English Parliament alone should have the power to govern England and "all the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging".

The very same declaration, which proclaimed England "to be a Commonwealth and Free-State", had thus silently declared that Ireland had no right to govern herself.

"Free Englishmen asserted their right to make laws for all those whom they 'possessed'. For the first time there emerged into constitutional parlance the notion of 'British possessions'.

"The irony of this situation, which escaped most English statesmen, was vivid enough to the dyspeptic Irishman, Jonathan Swift, who called 'government without the consent of the governed . . . the very definition of slavery'.

"The Irish, Swift noted, were well enough equipped with arguments, 'but the love and torrent of power prevailed . . . in fact, 11 men well armed will certainly subdue one single man in his shirt'."

Ireland, Dr Boorstin said, was too close to England, and the stakes of the Irish empire too great, for the Irish prophets of revolution to prevail. The Irish proponents of self-government lost.

The significance of sheer distance appeared from the earliest settlement of Englishmen in the New World. If the Pilgrim Fathers had been closer to home, more accurate in their navigation or luckier in their weather, it was most unlikely that there ever would have been any need for a "Mayflower Compact", extolled by John Quincy Adams as "perhaps the only instance, in human history, of that positive, original social compact, which speculative philosophers have imagined as the only legitimate source of government".

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, presents the reception for Lord's Taverners, and presents Lord's Taverners Trophy to Leicestershire County Cricket Club, Buckingham Palace, 6.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior, invests knights and dames of the Order of St John, St James's Palace, 10.45; later lunches with council of the Institute of Advanced Motorists and attends council meeting Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, 12.10.

Birthdays today

Dr David Bannerman, 89; the Very Rev E. F. Carpenter, 65; Colonel Sir Samuel Christophers, 102; Sir Rex Cohen, 69; Mr Leonard Cutts, 71; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian Easton, 58; Sir Harold Gillett, 85; Sir Allen Goldsmith, 66; Lord Howard de Walden, 63; Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Howard-Vyse, 70; Viscount Lambert, 66; the Marquess of Lansdowne, 63; Lord Trevelyan, 70; Mr Ernie Wise, 50.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid, duty on some estates not disclosed):

Barnes, Mr Ronald, of Norley, Cheshire, builder (duty, £8,846) £126,715

Studd, Sir Eric, of Limpsfield, second baronet ... £248,632

Wright, Mr William Edward, of Knowle, West Midlands £336,442

Sir John Neale

A memorial service for Sir John Neale was held yesterday at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, Bloomsbury. The Rev William Sykes (Chaplain to University College London) officiated. Lord Annan, Provost of University College, Dame Veronica Wedgwood and Mr A. Tannersall, Public Orator of the London University and secretary of University College, also representing the Vice-Chancellor of London University, read the lessons and Lord Evans of Hunters Moon-in-law and daughter, Lady Evans, Sir Goronwy and Lady Edwards, Professor A. G. Dickens (representing the Institute of Historical Research and the British Academy), Professor R. N. L. Brooke (Chairman, Board of Studies in History and Head of the History department, Westfield College), Professor Rosalind Hill (Westfield Professor), Professor H. R. Scillard, Professor J. W. Mullin, Professor B. Worsdale, Professor D. M. Wilson, Professor W. H. Stead, Professor and Mrs G. H. Williams, Professor R. B. Wernham, Professor and Mrs S. T. Bindoff, Professor J. W. Horton, Professor R. H. C. Davis, Professor G. C. Allen, Professor H. Burrs, Professor R. A. Humphreys, Professor G. Lynch, Professor W. G. Beasley, Professor D. Lewis, Dr D. B. Harden, Dr Valerie Pearl, Dr C. J. Holdsworth, Dr [illegible], Professor Geoffrey Russell, Mr John North, Mr David Tierney, Miss O. M. Tooley, Mrs G. Tattersall, Mr L. Gue, Mrs K. Edwards.

Mr R. V. Smurthwaite

A memorial service for Mr Ronald Victor Smurthwaite was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev Basil Watson officiated. The tribute was given by Mr Francis Perkins, president of the Corporation of Insurance Brokers. Among those present were:

Mrs Smurthwaite (widow), Mr Nick Smurthwaite (son), Captain and Mrs P. McDermott (brother-in-law and sister), Professor Idris Parry, Mrs Francis L. R. Dew (deputy chairman of the Committee of Lloyd's), Sir Henry Mance, Mr M. S. Morris (Department of Trade), Mr N. W. Gane, Mr C. W. Couch, Mr L. A. Bennett, Mr J. D. Rowland, Colonel D. Wells, Major C. E. Covington, Mr Leslie G. Ely, Mr K. G. Welch, Mr L. Ross Collins, Sir Harold Parker, Mr R. D. Worswick, Mr T. M. Grigg, Mr P. S. Manton, Mr F. A. M. Bray, Mr P. J. Hoare, Mr and Mrs J. Wilkinson, Mr E. H. Peace, Mr B. G. Brennan, Mr P. G. H. Thorold, Mr R. H. Westcott, Mr N. G. Wilson, Mr H. A. L. Cockerell, Mr E. Gumbel, Mr A. R. Taylor, Mr J. R. Binney, Mr J. H. F. Findlay, Mr E. R. E. Bowman, Mr E. F. Bisland, Mr R. E. Hutt, Mr J. G. Rutherford and Mr T. H. Barclay.

OBITUARY

SIR DALLAS BERNARD

Noted figure in commerce

Sir Dallas Bernard, for almost a generation one of the leading figures in commerce and finance in the Far East as well as in the City of London, died yesterday at the age of 87.

He was an outstanding figure from the early 1920s until the middle years of the Second World War in China and Hong Kong, and for three decades took a prominent part both in banking and in commerce in London, especially during the later years as Chairman of the British Bank of the Middle East and as a director and then Deputy Governor of the Bank of England. But it was in Hong Kong that he left his mark as a guide and administrator.

Dallas Gerald Mercer Bernard was born on March 22, 1888, a son of the late Edmund Bowen Bernard, JP, of Snakemoor, Botley, Hampshire, and was educated at Stubbington House and HMS Britannia. At the age of 18, however, he abandoned, while still a midshipman, the idea of a career in the Royal Navy and went into commerce. Within a few years he was receiving high promotion as a member of a leading firm of East India merchants, Jardine Matheson and Company Limited of Hong Kong, China and Japan, quartered at Hong Kong. In 1922 he became its Managing Director. In 1924 he was elected chairman of the court of directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and his many other commercial and financial appointments in the Far East included a directorship of Matheson & Co Ltd, the British & Chinese Corporation, the Chinese Central Railways, Chambers Wharf and Cold Stores Limited, and other concerns.

He was elected, in 1926, a member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong, and later sat on the legislative council. At various times he occupied the post of chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and after returning more or less permanently to England he became a member of the London Consultative Committee of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation. From 1936 to 1949 he was a director of the Bank of England and from 1949 until 1954, when he retired, he was deputy governor. In later years he was also a director of the Commonwealth Development Finance Company Limited, chairman of the Jordan Currency Board, and he had a seat on the board of Courtaulds of which he was Chairman from 1962 to 1964. He was chairman of the British Bank of the Middle East from 1954 to 1965 and remained as a director until 1967. He was sheriff of the County of London in 1942, and had for years been a lieutenant of the county. He received his baronetcy in 1954.

He married in 1922, Betty, the eldest daughter of Sir Charles Addis, and they had one son and two daughters. The son, Dallas Edmund, who now succeeds to the baronetcy, was born in 1926.

MR HUGH OLOFF DE WET

Mr Hugh Oloff de Wet, the sculptor and author, has died at the age of 63.

Among his portrait busts were those of Dylan Thomas, which is at the Royal Festival Hall, Ezra Pound, which is in the possession of Faber and Faber Ltd, the publishers, Robert Graves, Edmund Blunden and John Cowper Powys.

The son of a naval officer, he was educated at Monkton Combe. Some years later he graduated as a pilot in the RAF, but after a road accident was invalided out of the service.

In the years that followed he led a highly adventurous life; he reported on the Abyssinian war as a freelance journalist; flew with the Republican air forces in the Spanish Civil War, describing his experiences in *Cardboard Crucifix*; and settled in the critical period before the outbreak of the Second World War in Prague, marrying a Russian refugee. Captured by the Gestapo together with his wife and accused of being a French agent he was painfully questioned, tried and sentenced to death. His wife took her own life. For some years he lived in the shadow of the guillotine, fettered and in solitary confinement. That his life was spared he believed he owed to a German impression that he was related to an influential English figure. His gruesome experiences in captivity are the subject of his book *The Valley of the Shadow*.

After the war he achieved wide success with his sculpture, winning the friendship of many people; his studio in Kensington was visited by artists, boxers, politicians, businessmen and authors, anyone who relished sparkling conversation and good fellowship. Uninfluenced by modern trends, he remained obstinately true to himself.

MOYNA MacGILL LANSBURY

Moyna MacGill Lansbury, the actress, died in California on November 25, at the age of 79. She was born Charlotte McIldowie in Belfast in 1895 [illegible] Irish Players. Subsequently she came to London and played opposite Gerald du Maurier in *Interference* and Godfrey Tearle in *Othello*.

She was evacuated to the United States during the war, toured Canada and began a Hollywood career in 1943. Films she made with MGM included *The Clock*, *Uncle Harry*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, and *Private Angelo*. But she also continued her stage career in New York playing with Paul Muni and Jessica Tandy in *Yesterday's Magic*, and the role of Lady Brocklehurst in *The Boyfriend* with Julie Andrews.

She was twice married, first to Reginald Denham, the playwright. They had one daughter, Isolde, and the marriage ended in divorce. Her second marriage was to Edgar Lansbury, the son of the noted Labour politician of the 1930s, George Lansbury. They had a daughter Angela, who has herself become a successful screen and stage actress, and two sons Edgar and Bruce.

MRS MARGOT KLAUSNER

Mrs Margot Klausner, a colourful figure in the cultural life of Israel, has died in Tel Aviv. She was 70.

Mrs Klausner was born in Berlin on Nov 2, 1905, daughter of Julius Klausner, a rich businessman and a Zionist, and attended Berlin University. When the Habimah Theatre was stranded there before establishing itself in Palestine in 1928, she ran the Berlin office of "The Friends of Habimah" and organized its fund raising activities. She joined its board of management in 1926, and herself emigrated to Tel Aviv in that year. For the next ten years she served energetically on the board together with her husband, the late Yehoshua Brandstatter, from whom she was later divorced. During this time she planned the Habimah Theatre's two world tours, that also took them to England.

Besides organizing the Youth Circle of Habimah in Tel Aviv Mrs Klausner edited the theatre periodical *Bamah* (*Stage*) and founded the literary agency and publishing house of Moadim in 1936. After the theatre her two great passions were the cinema and psychic research. She founded and became president of the Israel Motion Picture Studios.

Mrs Klausner was no mean author herself. Her first novel *Sappho of Lesbos* appeared in 1931 and her drama, *Joseph in Egypt*, in 1943. Other publications include a history of the Habimah Theatre, two volumes of the *Origins of Drama*, short stories and *Storm in Sivan* (1957), which dealt with Chaim Arlosoroff, founder of the Israel Labour Party and Foreign Minister in the Jewish Agency who was assassinated in 1933.

She is survived by a daughter and a son.

MR R. E. GRIFFITH

Mr Robert Emrys Griffith, OBE, who was well known throughout Wales for many years as the director of Urdd Gobaith Cymru (The Welsh League of Youth), has died in Aberystwyth at the age of 64.

After graduating with honours in English at University College, Cardiff, in 1932, he abandoned his intention of entering journalism and worked for the Urdd with outstanding success for 41 years, first as Chief Organizer and from 1959 as Director.

Just before retiring in 1973 he wrote a three-volume history on the remarkable development of the Urdd Gobaith Cymru to mark its fiftieth jubilee. He had also taken a leading part in many other Welsh cultural and educational organizations including the National Eisteddfod, the Welsh Language Council and the Council for Wales and Monmouthshire. He was awarded the honorary degree of MA of the University of Wales in 1953 for his services to Welsh youth and made an OBE in 1962. He is survived by his wife and his son, Emyr.

THE REV C. A. SKINNER

R.M.P.L. writes:

Conrad Skinner died at Cambridge on November 21. He was 86. A Methodist Minister, he was Chaplain of The Leys School from 1920 to 1949. At the school he brought many now prominent Methodists into membership of the Church. In 1912 he was Cox of the Cambridge Boat when both crews sank in a snow storm. In 1948 when Rowing Correspondent for the *News Chronicle* he was again submerged when the Press Boat sank in a collision. A member of the family which founded the fretwork firm Hobbies of Dereham, he was the author of theological books for boys and under the name "Michael Maurice" wrote a number of novels and plays. After his retirement, and to his great surprise, he discovered that he had healing powers and applied these to the day of his death. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son, the Rev Michael Skinner, Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, November 27, 1950

Gibraltar claim

Madrid, Nov 25.—*Arriba*, the Falangist newspaper, said today that the return of Gibraltar to Spain would be the only legal and moral solution of the problem of the future of Gibraltar. The paper was commenting in a leading article on the Duke of Edinburgh's inauguration of a new Legislative Council in Gibraltar.

Madrid radio, in a commentary during the main news bulletin, referred to the inauguration of Gibraltar's first Legislative Council as "pantomime". The commentator added [that] the return of Gibraltar to Spain must become a fact. So long as that was not the case, Spaniards—but for a handful of decadent anglophiles—could not regard Britain as a friend.

Science report

Seismology: Predicting an earthquake

The Chinese claim to have successfully predicted a major earthquake and as a result to have saved perhaps tens of thousands of lives. That seems to be the inevitable conclusion from a variety of reports reaching the Western world in the past six months. At least one of the methods used for prediction is bound to surprise scientists.

A summary of the Chinese work on earthquake prediction is published today in *Nature*. It relates how scientific research into an effective method of warning the public about imminent threats began less than ten years ago. China has a written record of earthquakes going back nearly three thousand years; its worst was in the sixteenth century when one killed nearly a million people.

In the past hundred years at least 200,000 people have died in earthquakes. In the same period the death toll in the United States, where earthquake consciousness has recently risen, has been about two thousand.

In 1966, after a big earthquake with an undisclosed death toll, Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, declared that earthquake prediction would be a major goal for Chinese science. The mood of the Cultural Revolution greatly helped in putting together nationwide activities in which volunteers manned recording outposts and peasants were encouraged to report anything unusual. Ten thousand Chinese are now employed professionally in the programme, helped by several thousand amateurs.

The late 1960s and 1970s saw advances in the Soviet Union, the United States and Japan which convinced scientists that there were indeed premonitory signals to be found, but the quality of the data has not yet been such as to warrant public warnings. Further, while precursors have indicated in general that an earthquake was on its way, there has been insufficient precision in predicting a day or time to justify mass evacuation.

The Chinese have investigated the same techniques, involving measurements of the properties of rocks, but as part of a much broader programme in which they have encouraged everything from reporting water levels in wells to describing unusual behaviour of animals. Indeed a recent American delegation of seismologists found the Chinese far too ready to accept uncritically every idea, whatever its source.

Yet the Chinese do seem to have had results. Up to the end of 1974 at least 11 public predictions were made, and although there are no firm figures on the success rate, it is indisputable that several predictions were followed by earthquakes. The event that has generated most scientific excitement, however, occurred on February 4 this year near Haicheng, a city of 100,000 people.

A report from a seismologist who visited the area recently has placed rumours of a successful prediction on a much firmer footing. It seems that the patterns of previous earthquakes, and the movement of those patterns, started the process by indicating the area as potentially at risk several years ago. About six months before the earthquake minute tilting of the ground and some other field observations increased the level of the alert. Finally small foreshocks started to occur. There was one false alarm in which people slept out in the snow for two nights, but on February 4 a second evacuation was ordered and six hours later a devastating earthquake occurred. Haicheng is now, according to the visitor, being completely rebuilt.

Although many seismologists will find such success almost too good to be true there seems no reason to doubt that many lives were saved in a remarkable operation. One big asset of the Chinese, apart from a willingness on the part of the population to heed warnings, was the build-up of foreshocks. Very few large earthquakes are preceded by anything as unambiguous as a growing swarm of small shocks, and that good fortune must have played a large part in the success. Another more controversial ingredient was the use of anomalous animal behaviour.

Until a few months ago, any Western seismologist who valued his reputation dismissed as pure folklore talk of domestic animals, rats and snakes giving advance warning of earthquakes. But the Chinese take reports of animal excitability seriously and claim to use them in their prediction programme. Maybe animals sense electric or magnetic field changes from stressed rocks too minute to be detected by present instruments. Maybe animals can sense ultrasonic vibrations from tiny foreshocks undetected by seismometers. Maybe it is indeed just folklore.

The subject is, however, no longer unmentionable, and experiments are being planned to test the idea. Some of the most exciting science has come from collaboration between different disciplines with at first sight nothing in common.

Finally, an aspect of the Chinese success that has not yet been publicly mentioned. Countries export everything from railways to radar warning systems in the more-than-commercial hopes of obtaining toeholds, securing reciprocal favours and so on. May not earthquake warning systems be added to the list in future?

By Nature-Times News Service.

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Fourteenth-century German bestiary fetches £66,000

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

A fourteenth-century German illuminated bestiary was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £66,000 including premium (estimate £50,000 to £75,000). The bestiary was the great medieval compendium of natural history, angled towards fable and moral allegory rather than scientific observation. The illustrated bestiary seems to have been an English invention of the twelfth century or so; the one sold yesterday is the only recorded German example and may have been copied from an earlier English manuscript.

It was one of 36 manuscripts from the great Sir Thomas Phillipps collection sold yesterday for £247,830; every lot was sold. It was sold to an anonymous purchaser who also acquired a German illuminated breviary of 1487 for £39,600 (estimate £50,000 to £60,000); it was written by a priest, Hermann Tratz, for a nobly born nun, Veronika von Freudenberg; a nice example of how sentimental attachments could take one in the Middle Ages.

One of the outstanding rarities of the sale was an eleventh-century manuscript of Josephus's *De Bello Judaico* in Greek which went to Breslauer at £29,700 (estimate £12,000 to £18,000).

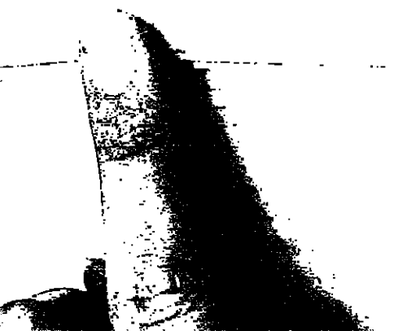
A thirteenth-century manuscript of the *Life and Miracles of St Elizabeth of Hungary* was bought for £2,200 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) by the Hungarian state trading agency, Kultura, probably on behalf of the Hungarian Academy: it is rare for Eastern block countries to purchase in London auctions.

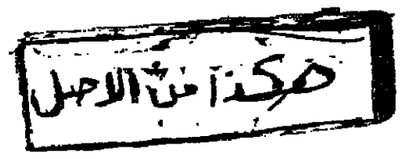
Sotheby's also held their main autumn sale of English paintings, which totalled £126,790 with 26 per cent unsold. Prices were generally on the low side, though Roy Miles paid £5,720 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) for James Ward's "Coursing in Sussex" of 1809 and David Hughes £5,280 (estimate £800 to £1,200) for an "Italian River View" by John Glover. The principal unsold lots were among the sporting paintings.

A sale of decorative nineteenth-century furnishings at Sotheby's Belgravia brought boom-time prices with a total of £120,006 and only 4 per cent unsold. Ornate French furniture brought top prices; a Paris dealer, H. Calret, paid £6,050 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000) for an ormolu-mounted amboyna and purple-heart commode, the central door finely painted with a goddess attended by cherubs in a landscape.

At Christie's yesterday a sale of fine English and foreign silver made £87,578, with less than 6 per cent unsold. R. A. Lee paid £7,700 (estimate £7,500 to £10,000) for a George I charger weighing 23½oz. A sale of printed books and manuscripts made £50,552 with 13 per cent unsold. Quaritch paid £4,620 (estimate £3,200 to £3,400) for a first edition of Selby's *Illustrations of British Ornithology* with 223 plates.

Bonham's sale of printed books, the property of the trustees of the late G. L. T. Brudenell of Deene Park, Northamptonshire, realized a total of £82,045. The highest price was £5,400 (estimate £1,500) paid by Quaritch for a rare copy of Halley's annotated copy of Flamsteed's *Historiae Coelestis*, 1712.





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Current cost accounting nearer as Government backs Sandilands report

By John Whitmore

The Government yesterday gave its qualified approval to the recent recommendations of the Sandilands Committee on inflation accounting for British companies, and announced that the accountancy profession had agreed to set up a steering committee "to consider further the practical and other issues involved, with a view to the implementation of current cost accounting in company accounts for all periods beginning after December 24, 1977, if this proves feasible".

In a statement to the House of Commons, Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, said that "having considered the (Sandilands) report, and taken into account the views of the accountancy profession and others, the Government agrees with the committee that company accounts should allow for the effect of inflation, and that existing conventions do not do so adequately".

Mr Shore went on to point out that there were a number of methods of adjusting for inflation, none of which alone completely satisfied the requirements of every user of company accounts.

But the Government agreed that current cost accounting, by bringing out the effects of changes in costs and prices on the fixed assets and stocks used in a business, could lead to a better understanding of the economic performance of companies.

Accordingly the Government endorsed the recommendation that the detailed practical problems should be examined urgently with a view to current cost accounting becoming the future basis of company accounts.

The fact that this examination is to be carried out by a steering committee set up under the auspices of the professional accounting bodies is certain to delight the accounting profession, because there had been considerable anxiety that the Government might try to take the issue — and subsequent major accounting issues — much more closely under its own wing.

Even so, it seems clear that the Government will be fairly closely involved in the work of the steering group. For a start, it will be making an "appropriate contribution" towards the group's running costs.

In addition, it seems certain that it will be making suggestions on the composition of the committee and will want to liaise with the group both as regards the progress of its work and to seek guidance on such related issues as changes that inflation accounting could necessitate in company law.

The steering group itself is to be headed by Mr Douglas Morpeth, president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales from 1972 to 1973 and a leading contributor to the considerable work done on inflation accounting by the accountancy profession.

Other members of the group are expected to be named within the next week or so and their number — probably about 10 — will take in a broad spread of interests, representing industry, accountancy, the Government and the academic world.

No time limit has been set on the work of the steering group and, while the Government appears keen that the timescale proposed by Sandilands should be adhered to as closely as possible, the accountants have already suggested that the Sandilands projections are probably optimistic.

It is clear at this stage that the steering group has a very big task on its plate, because though the Government has indicated that it believes that current cost accounting should form the core of any changes in the accounting system, its suggestion that CCA is not the perfect answer for every user of company accounts indicates that it will be up to the steering committee to pay fresh attention to the treatment of monetary items and the best ways of showing the effects of inflation on capital invested in enterprises.

What will not come within the terms of reference of the steering committee, however, will be any consideration of the implications of inflation accounting for price controls or taxation.

The implications for taxation will, apparently, be treated as an independent issue by the Government at the relevant time. On the question of price controls, Mr Shore said that while the Sandilands Committee's proposals would be taken into consideration in future reviews of price controls, there was no question of amending the present code now.

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Chrysler team and Mr Varley set for second session today on future of UK subsidiary

By Maurice Corina and Edward Townsend

Talks between the Government and the Chrysler Corporation of America over the future of the company's British subsidiary broke up last night after less than 90 minutes.

Neither side was prepared to make any statement but a spokesman at the Department of Industry said that Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr John Riccardo, the Chrysler chairman, were expected to resume discussions today.

Before last night's talks began, both sides were said to have completed what was officially described as "a detailed statistical and financial analysis of the situation".

Mr Riccardo, who flew into London early yesterday for a fourth round of Whitehall talks, was aided by Mr Eugene Cafiero, his president, as well as Mr Paul Heinen, the company's top lawyer and a vice-president, and Mr Edward Doyle, director for International Staff.

This team was assisted by Mr Gilbert Hunt and Mr Don Lander, chairman and managing director respectively of Chrysler UK.

Mr Varley, who is being helped by Mr Edmund Dell, the Paymaster General, in advising Mr Wilson, said before the talks began: "We have still got a whole series of questions to put to Mr Riccardo. We are still negotiating over the Chrysler issue."

The Government's objective is to present the Cabinet views of its own detailed financial assessment and to draw the Chrysler Corporation into new commitments for securing British car-making operations, perhaps with some appropriate state assistance if agreement can be reached on reasonable levels of risk.

Whitehall's detailed assessment is understood to place some stress on the enormous costs to be borne by both sides if the Chrysler Corporation begins a progressive withdrawal from Britain from January 1. This is apart from any damage to the company's worldwide reputation, which Mr Wilson has personally emphasized to Mr Riccardo.

At the same time, the Government accepts that any state assistance would have to be considerable to give Chrysler UK the help it needs both in the short term and for investment in new car development.

It is known that the Government's advisers have been examining the case for supporting a "slimmed down" Chrysler UK, perhaps concentrating production on Linwood at the expense of the Ryton plant.

There are great difficulties to such a plan, not least of which is higher cost of manufacturing in Scotland and the fact that the closure of Ryton in the Midlands would promptly bring a demand from the Eagle Star Insurance Company, the owners, for Chrysler to buy back the premises it leased in 1969 on conditions safeguarding the freeholders from acessation of car production.

Christmas card makers hit by higher PO charges

By David Young

Christmas card manufacturers have launched a big advertising campaign, using local radio, in an attempt to stimulate sales of Christmas cards, which have been seriously affected by the increase in postal charges.

Manufacturers who make up the Greeting Card and Calendar Association have produced increased amounts of cards over the past 12 months, but are finding that sales are failing by between 20 and 30 per cent.

The card makers are still confident that more than £60m worth of cards will be sold this year and that people will eventually send out their usual number after an initial pruning of card lists.

The Post Office has arranged its manning levels on the assumption that Christmas card traffic will be only slightly down, with peak traffic at 85 million items a day. But it admits that the recent increases are likely to cause some overall fall during the Christmas period.

A Post Office spokesman said: "We did say that some fall-off was expected when the increases were made, but we do not expect it to be dramatic."

However, the charity organizations who are the largest distributors of Christmas cards, with an estimated 25 per cent of the market, and the manufacturers' largest customers, are angry at the decision not to introduce a special Christmas card postage charge, which is causing a large reduction in their income.

It is those charities who sell their cards by mail order who have been worst affected, although those who rely mainly on sales — through special High Street temporary shops manned by volunteers and by several of the supermarket groups — are now reporting that sales have dropped by as much as postal charges were increased, about 30 per cent.

Save the Children, the second-largest charity card seller after the Society for the Mentally Handicapped, is also reporting sales down by 30 per cent on last year. If this continues the charity will lose about £60,000 in income, enough to finance its aid programme in Ethiopia for a year. Oxfam and Christian Aid's Emergency Fund are down by about 25 per cent and would have been worse if it had continued to rely on mail-order sales. Mr Neville Bass, secretary of the Charity Christmas Card Council, which sells cards for 97 different charities through various retail outlets, said yesterday that early indications were that sales would be down by 25 to 30 per cent.

Cowley facing new strike threat

By R. W. Shakespeare

British Leyland is facing another strike threat at its Austin/Morris plant at Cowley, Oxford, which could bring all car production there and at its Midlands Rover plants to a standstill. This would make up to 20,000 workers idle.

After a meeting yesterday shop floor representatives of 1,200 members of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers who do key jobs in the body pressing departments at Cowley told the management that unless the second stage of a new national engineering agreement was fully implemented by the end of this week they would stop work.

The central issue in this dispute is the national agreement signed between the Engineering Employers Federation — to which British Leyland belongs — and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, which represents about three million workers.

Under this agreement improvements in overtime rates and shift premiums were to come into effect on November 24. This was the second stage of the full agreement which came into force in May.

At Cowley, where most of the engineering workers are skilled toolroom men and fitters, the management has said that it was willing to implement the terms of the national agreement, but that this might affect any settlements reached in a new plant level deal at Cowley due early next year.

The management says that because of the Government's pay policy, the new wage agreement at Cowley could be affected by the ruling that no group of workers must get more than one pay increase in any 12-month period and because any increase given now would have to be counted against the £6 a week ceiling on rises.

A shutdown of the body pressing departments at Cowley, which would be the immediate effect of a walkout by the engineers, would quickly bring the nearby assembly lines to a halt, and all 16,000 workers in the complex would be affected.

The same workshops produce car body shells for the Rover plant at Solihull and up to 2,000 more workers there could be made idle if supplies dry up. Cowley also produces some body units for Rolls-Royce under a contract that dates from the days when this part of the British Leyland operations was owned by Pressed Steel Fisher.

Last night a British Leyland management spokesman said it was hoped that negotiations today would lead to the strike being avoided. He added that the amount of cash involved in the second stage of the national agreement was very small, particularly since little overtime was now being worked anywhere in the car industry. He said that a man working six hours' overtime in a week would stand to gain 20p and the night-shift premium would be increased by 67p.

Innocenti goes into liquidation

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liare, Europe's biggest property group.

Paradoxically, these troubles are coming to a head at a time when the bottom of the recession appears to have been touched.

The occupation of the Innocenti factory is expected to increase tension over the next few days. A bomb was recently thrown into its Rome showrooms, while its head of personnel was shot in the legs outside his home in Milan.

Though the unions have stressed the need for restraint and discipline on their members, the atmosphere is far different than when British Leyland bought the plant for £3m from the heirs of Ferdinando Innocenti in 1972 with dreams of flooding the market with over 100,000 Minis a year.

Signor Paolo Fadda, representative of the Leyland Innocenti distributors in Italy, described the decision as "terrible and dramatic". He found it hard to understand that for the sake of 1,500 jobs in Milan, the company was prepared to [illegible]. Malcolm Brown writes: In London, the company said that the inevitability of liquidation had become clear yesterday during discussions between the group, the Italian Government and the trade unions.

After consultations between London and Milan involving Mr Alex Park, Leyland's chief executive, it was decided that the liquidation procedure should be put into operation at the shareholders' meeting.

Mr David Andrews, managing director of Leyland International, was instrumental in making the final decision.

Sir Ronald Edwards, the new British Leyland chairman, was told of the decision today.

British Leyland was unable to say who the major creditors were or to disclose any details of the Italian government's continuing negotiations over an assembly contract.

Monopolies reference over Furness stake

By Our Financial Staff

Eurocanadian Shipholdings' strategic 29 per cent share stake in Furness Withy, the British shipping concern, has been referred for investigation to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The commission has also been instructed by the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection to look into the question of the 37 per cent stake held by Eurocanadian in Manchester Liners, which is controlled by Furness Withy.

The reference calls for the commission's report to be produced within six months.

The department said yesterday the Manchester Liners investigation had been requested "since it appears that arrangements are in progress or contemplation which could enable Eurocanadian to control or materially to influence" its policy.

Under section 65 of the Fair Trading Act a merger is thought to arise not only if two companies come under common ownership, but also if they are brought under common control.

The commission will, therefore, have to consider whether Eurocanadian's share stakes involve material influence. If it thinks they do, it will then have to consider whether that influence might operate against the public interest.

Mr Brian Shaw, a director of Furness Withy, which has been resisting Eurocanadian's efforts to put five nominees on the board, last night welcomed the reference. He described it as "the right course of action".

Eurocanadian, which is controlled by Mr Frank Narby, a Canadian citizen resident in Switzerland, has made no secret of the fact that its real reason for involvement with Furness Withy is its desire to get control of Manchester Liners.

Furness Withy has already rejected one bid proposal for its 63 per cent holding.

BAC seeks 17 pc cut in workforce

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

British Aircraft Corporation plans to cut labour in its commercial aircraft division by about 17 per cent during the next six months. Some 2,400 from a total of 14,000 have been discussed with unions.

These reductions will be at the division's four main locations — Bristol, Weybridge, Hurn, near Bournemouth, and Fairford. The main impact will be felt at Bristol and Weybridge.

BAC confirmed in a statement yesterday that meetings had begun on Tuesday with union representatives in the commercial aircraft division "to inform them about the workload expected for 1976 and the manpower required to carry it out".

"The objectives of Tuesday's meetings were to provide the representatives with advance information to enable consideration to be given to participation in effecting the manpower reductions now necessary to ensure the continuing viability of the division."

The statement continued: "A large part of this work is for the 16-Concorde programme, which is already well advanced."

No numbers were given by the company, but unofficial reports from Bristol have quoted the planned reductions as 1,195 at Bristol: 825 at Weybridge; 280 at Hurn; and 110 at Fairford, Gloucestershire.

This total of 2,410 fewer jobs, it is understood, is to be achieved by the end of May next year. BAC hopes that some of the people involved will transfer to other divisions of the company, which cover military aircraft, spacecraft, electronics and guided weapons.

Higher prices for oil and petrol may be delayed

By Roger Vielvoye

Introduction of higher prices delayed until late next month after a decision by the Government not to intervene in fixing new cost levels for all oil products with the exception of paraffin.

Results of the first applications to the Price Commission for an across-the-board increase of 4.5p a gallon on product prices are expected today and all the leading companies should know by how much they will be allowed to raise the price of individual products within a week.

Companies have submitted widely differing applications and, with the Government giving no guidance on how it would like the across-the-board increase distributed, companies are now tied to maximum increases by the figures contained in their applications to the Price Commission.

For this reason many of the companies may hold back on increasing prices until they see Esso and British Petroleum — are reacting.

It is certain to mean that companies whose applications on some products are well below new general market levels will have to return to the Price Commission with new applications.

Oil industry sources say there is likely to be a prolonged period of chaos while the market sorts itself out.

Lack of government guidance could also lead to an extension of price-cutting on petrol station forecourts.

Although Shell, Esso, BP and Mobil have withdrawn special subsidies to their dealers and tenants, many of the smaller petrol suppliers are continuing large discounts to retailers. The larger companies are beginning to come under pressure again from the retailers to return to discounts to allow them to compete.

Swedish phone equipment for PO exchange

Britain's first computer-exchange will use equipment developed and manufactured in Sweden.

This emerged yesterday when, to the embarrassment of the Post Office, the Swedish Ericsson company announced that its stored-program-controlled (SPC) equipment would be used in the Thames international switching centre in London.

The Post Office contract for Ericsson equipment, to be supplied via Thorn Ericsson Sales, was announced last January, but it was not divulged then that a computer-controlled system would be used. The £25m Ericsson contract provoked strong protests from the United Kingdom telecommunications companies when it was announced.

Ericsson SPC exchanges are in use in Sweden and other countries.

Average male earnings top £3,000

By Tim Congdon

Average earnings for men now exceed £3,000 a year. In manual occupations average earnings have passed £50 a week for the first time.

According to the New Earnings Survey for 1975, of which the main results are published in today's *Department of Employment Gazette*, the average gross earnings of all full-time men in April were £60.80 a week. This represented an increase of £13.80, or 28.4 per cent, over the level at April, 1974.

In manual occupations average earnings were £55.70 a week — an increase of £12.80 or 29.2 per cent over 1974. Manual workers therefore increased their earnings slightly more quickly than non-manual workers.

In non-manual occupations the average was £68.40, an increase of 27.5 per cent, or £15.40, on the 1974 level.

The figures also confirm some progress towards an equalization of pay between men and women. Earnings for manual woman workers rose by 37.7 per cent; those for non-manual women by 38.8 per cent.

Both these figures exclude the effect of overtime on earnings levels.

Almost 64 per cent of men in full-time employment earned more than £50 a week, while 80 per cent earned between £37.50 and £88.20 a week. Only 2.3 per cent earned less than £30 a week.

Women's pay continues to be much lower than men's. Ten per cent earned less than £23 a week and 90 per cent less than £56.20. Nearly 15 per cent earned more than £50 a week.

SE chief 'satisfactory' after heart attack

Mr Michael Marriott, chairman of the Stock Exchange, who suffered a mild heart attack on Tuesday, was said to be satisfactory yesterday in St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. A Stock Exchange spokesman said Mr Marriott, who is 49, was expected to resume his duties early in the new year.

UK Ford names chairman

Mr Terry Beckett is to become chairman of Ford of Britain from the beginning of next year in addition to continuing as managing director and chief executive officer. He was elected at a board meeting yesterday after Sir William Batty, who is also president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, announced his retirement from the chairmanship on December 31.

FMC LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Group unaudited Results
For the 24 weeks ended 11th October 1975

52 weeks ended 26th April 1975		24 weeks ended 11th Oct. 1975	24 weeks ended 12th Oct. 1974
£'000		£'000	£'000
269,883	Sales to Third Parties	136,513	114,492
44,914	Add: Sales within the group	23,432	18,852
314,797	Total Turnover	159,945	133,344
4,093	Group Profit Before Taxation	172	1,521
2,059	Taxation at 52% (1974 52%)	89	791
2,034	Group Profit After Taxation	83	730
81	Less: Extraordinary Item		
158	Interest of Preference and Minority Shareholders	79	76
1,795	Earnings for Ordinary Shares	4	654

NOTE: To avoid undue delay in publication, the results of the New Zealand subsidiary acquired in the second half of 1974/75 have been excluded from the figures for the twenty-four weeks ended 11th October 1975 and from the comparable period of the last financial year. The results of this subsidiary which is trading satisfactorily and profitably will be consolidated at the end of the financial year.

The reduction in profits on last year is primarily due to losses incurred by the Marsh/Harris group whose factory margins have been shrunk by a combination of higher pig prices, increase in costs and price controls. It is unlikely that there will be any marked improvement in this financial year. Trading in fresh meat has not been as profitable as in 1974 and is currently running well below last year's quite exceptional levels. The Poultry division has been restored to profit and there is an improvement in the results of our By-Products division.

The management is fully aware of the urgency of these problems and an active review of all parts of the group is under way. It is certain that the full year's results will show a substantial reduction on the record profits for 1974/75 but we hope that earnings will be sufficient to cover the cost of the same dividends as were paid in respect of 1974/75.

In the meanwhile your Directors have decided to revert to the practice of earlier years by deferring consideration of a dividend until details of the full year's profits are available.

26th November 1975.
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FMC — Europe's biggest meat group

Yarrow and defence contract work

Due to inaccurate agency reports, yesterday's article about the Yarrow shipbuilding group was incorrect in several respects.

Yarrow points out that the Ministry of Defence contracts placed with Yarrow (Shipbuilders) for five Type 21 frigates have not been cancelled, that the first has been delivered to the Royal Navy and the remaining four are now being fitted out.

The company explains that the primary reason for the postponement of the annual accounts is because of negotiations now in progres with the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Industry for permission to distribute a proportion of the profits of Yarrow (Shipbuilders) to the parent company.

Yarrow also explains that post-tax profits, not pre-tax, will be higher than last year, excluding the profits of Yarrow (Shipbuilders), which cannot be distributed to the parent company under the terms of the Ministry of Defence loan without the approval of the Secretary of Defence.

Yarrow stresses that the limitation on distributions from the shipbuilding subsidiary arises from the conditions of the Ministry of Defence loan and not any government grants.

Malayan Tin Dredging, Limited

Salient points from the Statements by Mr. F. G. Charlesworth, the Chairman, for the year ended 30th June, 1975.

★ The total production for the year was 3,207 tonnes of tin concentrate but, due to the reimposition of Tin Export Control in April, the year's sales were restricted to 3,082 tonnes, which was 541 tonnes less than the sales for the preceding year. The average net price realised was £304 per tonne higher but that did not compensate for the lower sales and sharp rise in operating and overhead expenses.

★ The Group mining profit is £3,216,314. Amounts received from dividends and interest, from the surplus on realisation of investments, and from the share of profit of the associated company increased by nearly £600,000 and the result is a profit before taxation of £48,000 less than that of the year to 30th June, 1974. A further £1.25m. has been transferred to the amount set aside for river deviation.

★ With a recommended final of 6.725p dividends for the year total 10.725p equivalent, with associated tax credits, to 16.5p gross, the maximum permitted.

★ During the year preliminary work was carried out on a section of the Kinta River Deviation. It is expected that more extensive work will be carried out during the current year.

★ It is inevitable that further increases in operating and overhead expenses will be shown in the accounts of the current year. The tin price, which has been relatively weak since last December, appears now to be responding slowly to Tin Export Control and heavy support buying on behalf of the Buffer Stock. However it seems probable that Tin Export Control will have to remain in force for some time to come.

★ Although it seems certain, at this stage, that the profit for the current year will not reach the level attained for the two preceding years, the Company's operations are nevertheless continuing to show reasonable returns in spite of the effects of a low tin price, inflated costs and restricted sales.

Southern Malayan Tin Dredging Limited

★ The total production for the year was 2,346 tonnes of tin concentrate but sales were restricted by the reimposition of Tin Export Control in April, to 2,176 tonnes, 287 tonnes less than the preceding year. A higher average net price realised did not compensate for lower sales and increased costs and the profit, including an increase of approximately £57,000 from dividends, interest and surplus on realisation of investments, at £1,961,608 before taxation is £360,703 less than that of the year to 30th June, 1974.

★ A number of factors contributed to further increases in operating and overhead expenses but I would mention that an increase in wages was effective only from 1st January and that a steep increase in charges for electric power was effective only from March in the year under review. Continuing inflation is still adversely affecting prices of spares and materials, and it must be expected that further substantial increases in operating and overhead expenses will be shown in the accounts for the current year.

★ A final recommended dividend of 6.725p makes a total of 10.725p for the year (16.5p gross) the permitted maximum.

★ Sales for the current year will depend on the degree of Export Control imposed but, having regard to the effect of continuing inflation on costs and to the relatively low tin price, it seems, at this stage, likely that the year's profit will not reach the level attained for the two preceding years.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 153.32 −1.44
The FT index: 367.5 −5.6

Rises

Cowie T	3p to 34p	MK Electric	3p to 60p
Estate Duties	4p to 277p	MIM Hldgs	6p to 202p
GKN	4p to 257p	Modern Eng	2p to 38p
Highams	2p to 30p	Philips Lamp	20p to 850p
Home Charm	1p to 77p	Renold	5p to 141p
Hoover	7p to 320p	Spear JW	12p to 94p
Jacobs JI	2½p to 19p	Trans Paper	2p to 41p

Falls

Barclays Bk	5p to 303p	Inchcape	8p to 347p
B. H. South	5p to 165p	Kinross	10p to 415p
Beecham Grp	4p to 338p	Tesco	4p to 451p
FMC	7p to 53p	Tate & Lyle	6p to 255p
Furness Withy	7p to 209p	Unilever	10p to 414p
Fisons	5p to 375p	Vosper	4p to 61p
Imp Chem Ind	5p to 314p	Welkom	5p to 295p

Equities ran into profit taking sellers.
Gilt-edged securities were active at the longer end of the range.
Sterling lost 50 points to $2.0325. The "effective devaluation" rate was 29.8 per cent.
Gold was down $1.25 an ounce to $140.25.
SDR-$ was 1.17439 on Wednesday while SDR-£ was 0.577435.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1129.8 (previous 1132.4).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	38.75	36.75
Belgium Fr	84.00	81.00
Canada $	2.10	2.05
Denmark Kr	12.70	12.30
Finland Mkk	8.10	7.85
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	81.00	76.00
Hongkong $	10.55	10.15
Italy Lr	1560.00	1505.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.50	11.15
Portugal Esc	75.00	65.00
S Africa Rd	1.80	1.67
Spain Pes	125.50	119.75
Sweden Kr	9.15	8.85
Switzerland Fr	5.55	5.35
US $	2.08	2.03
Yugoslavia Dnr	42.50	39.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Pressure for decontrol of US oil prices intensifies

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Nov 26

Leading United States oil companies are mounting a campaign to ensure that President Ford sticks to his promises and brings about the swift decontrol of domestic oil prices.

Congress will shortly present the President with legislation calling for an immediate reduction in domestic retail oil product prices and for a 40-month extension of controls that permits a gradual increase in prices during this period.

President Ford has time and again indicated that he will veto such a measure. However, even his own energy advisers are now suggesting that he should sign the Bill, primarily because they fear that a veto would lead Congress to produce legislation involving still stiffer controls.

Some of the President's political advisers are urging Mr Ford to sign the Bill because they fear his election chances will be damaged by the new inflationary pressures that decontrol would produce.

But the oil companies are now on the attack, lobbying strongly at the White House and with Congress, and calling for an immediate end to controls on December 15—the day the current control authority expires.

Mr Rawleigh Warner, chairman of Mobil Oil, told security analysts in New York that Mr Ford's acceptance of the new energy Bill was "a formula for increased oil imports and diminished energy security".

He added that recent opinion polls showed the general public was coming to understand the real problems that faced the country. According to a recent survey, he said 54 per cent favoured complete deregulation of natural gas produced in the United States and 55 per cent favoured decontrol of oil prices.

Mr Roy Baze, senior vice president of Exxon, was more specific in an attack on the new energy Bill in a speech in Atlanta. He argued that Congress was wrong to assume its Bill would lead to a reduction of 3½ cents on a gallon of petrol.

The country's high dependency on imports, which would be hit by the energy Bill, would lead to an initial price cut of at most 2 cents, he said. Then, because these cuts will not stimulate conservation, it was probable that imports would increase, so raising average prices and this "would increase the power of members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Easing of HP controls more likely in spring Budget than this year

By Tim Congdon

Relaxation of hire purchase controls is being considered by the Government as part of a programme of helping consumer industries which have been badly hit by the recession. An announcement is possible in the next few weeks, although it may be deferred until the Budget next year.

If a relaxation is to be carried out in the near future it will probably coincide with the introduction of selective import controls, which are thought most likely for cars, television tubes and textiles. A statement is expected in the next few days.

An easing of hire purchase terms has the advantage that it would not add to the public sector borrowing requirement. However, by stimulating the demand for credit, it would raise the money supply unless the authorities were to take offsetting action by holding down the banks' reserve asset ratios.

The last big change in hire purchase terms was in December 1973 when Mr Barber, the Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, reintroduced restrictions. A minimum down payment of 33⅓ per cent and a maximum repayment period of 24 months were established.

It is quite common for the Government to alter hire purchase regulations at times other than the spring Budget and it would be no great departure from precedent if it eased controls in the next few weeks. But Mr Healey, the Chancellor, has ruled out general reflationary moves for the time being.

Moreover, easier hire purchase terms would stimulate consumption and this is not compatible with the Government's strategy of export-led recovery. Most forecasters are therefore not expecting a relaxation of controls before next year.

The Treasury yesterday refused to comment on reports that an announcement on consumer credit was imminent.

Surfeit of tankers 'for five years'

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

The surplus of tanker tonnage will continue for at least the next five years, rising to a peak of 78 million tons deadweight by 1977, a report* predicted yesterday.

At the beginning of this year it amounted to an estimated 31 million tons dwt, and by 1977 was expected to have risen to about 78 million tons, when around 23 per cent of the total volume available to the oil trades would have been absorbed through slow steaming or would be totally inactive.

The report, on prospects for the tanker industry over the next five years, says the surplus will fall to some 34 million tons (about 10 per cent of available tanker supply) by about the beginning of 1980 and is expected to disappear around 1981.

Next month tanker owners, together with bankers, shipbuilders and oil companies will meet in London to discuss the measures which can be taken to reduce the surplus and bring the market back into balance.

The failure of the tanker industry to take sufficient corrective action to reduce the supply could ensure that the surplus would exist well into the middle of the next decade.

Apart from the worldwide slump for oil, the most significant factor which had contributed to the pessimistic outlook for the industry had been the size of the new building order book. Before the start of the rush of cancellations—nearly 39 million tons between September last year and July this year—the order book amounted to 214 million tons dwt.

**World Tanker Outlook 1975-80.* Internaft Ltd, price £150.

America heading for surplus of $10,000m

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Nov 26

America is now likely to have a record total 1975 balance of trade surplus of well over $10,000m (about £4,916m) compared with a deficit in 1974 of $3,426m.

Government officials had expected some moderation in the size of the trade surplus in recent months and were surprised today that latest figures showed a huge $1,075.9m surplus last month after a surplus of $976.4m in September.

The October surplus was the second highest of the year. It continued a trend of nine consecutive monthly trade surpluses and took the total seasonally adjusted surplus for the year so far to $9,497.2m.

Both imports and exports were at their second highest monthly levels ever, the Department of Commerce reported.

A few months ago government economists predicted a total 1975 surplus of close to $10,000m and, along with many private economists, they forecast a more balanced overall trade position in the final third of this year, due largely to the expectation that imports would rise as economic recovery gathered momentum.

Imports, however, according to the new figures, have not been rising at anything like the pace of exports, despite recent sharp gains in consumer spending and in real gross national product.

Exports last month totalled $9,288.1m after $9,165m in September to take them to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $106,388m, or 9 per cent up on the 1974 total.

Imports amounted to $8,212.2m in October, after $8,188.6m in the previous month, to take them to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5 per cent below the 1974 level at $94,992m.

Government economists note that, contrary to expectations, the demand for American goods abroad has not declined, despite the continuing weakness of America's major trading partners and the growing balance of payments difficulties of many developing nations.

But the experts do point out that exports have been largely aided in the last couple of months by the record United States harvest, which has resulted in record agricultural exports.

Meanwhile, the experts note that oil imports have not been rising as fast as had been widely feared. The upturn in the economy was expected to see a swift rise in oil imports and the price of these imports was also expected to increase.

The latest Opec oil price rises by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries do not appear so far to have had an impact, but they could lead in the near future to a significant rise in the total cost of United States imports.

Department of Commerce figures show that total energy product import costs in October, at $2,219.5m, were lower than in September, April, January and February, fractionally higher than in July and August and considerably above the totals for other months of this year.

The volume of energy imports in October, at 194.9 million barrels, was higher than in most months of this year, although 10 million barrels below September's level, 5 million barrels less than in April and fully 88.5 million barrels less than February's total.

Mr Heseltine points to 'loophole' on disclosures

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Flaws in the Industry Act which will enable industrialists to avoid being compelled to disclose information under planning agreements were discussed yesterday by Mr Michael Heseltine, the Opposition front bench spokesman on industry, in a speech to the Institute of Production Engineers in London.

He said he had consulted Sir Michael Havers, who was Solicitor General in the Conservative Government, about the implications of the parts of the Act dealing with compulsory disclosure, as amended, against the will of the Government, at report stage.

On a reciprocal basis, the Government must now provide information to enable forecasts to be made of the level of gross domestic product, unemployment, the balance of payments in current account, the general index of retail prices and average earnings. These forecasts would also have to contain, where possible, the margin of error attaching to them.

If the Government refused to see the logic of this reciprocal agreement and sought to serve a notice under Section 30 compelling disclosure in advance of the production of the government figures, companies could refer to Section 34 which defined offences.

The only penalties provided were for those companies which refused or failed—and these were the critical words—"without reasonable cause" to furnish information requested under this part of the Act.

"What more reasonable cause could a company have for failing to comply with the compulsory disclosure powers than that the Government had failed to provide it with the macro-economic forecasts as provided by statute?" said Mr Heseltine.

"And once the Government's information is provided, industry would be well within its rights to base its forward planning assumptions on what the Government had provided.

"Failure by the Government to live up to its forecasts immediately invalidates the company's forecast. I can only say that no government in my political experience has ever got its forecast right

Christy Bros' £755,000 loss

Christy Bros, the electrical engineering and contracting firm, made a pre-tax loss of £755,526 for the year to the end of March, compared with a profit of £87,115 the previous year on nearly halved turnover, passed: the previous year a gross dividend of 16.8p was declared. Simultaneously, the company announced it made a pre-tax profit of £40,000, as against £27,000, for the six months to the end of September.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disturbing omissions from the Giro proposals

From Mr A. E. Reynolds

Sir, As one of those who queued up in 1968 to open a National Giro account, I am disturbed by two notable omissions from the White Paper: firstly any commitment to continue the development of National Giro as a postal giro service, and secondly any endorsement of Mr Benn's undertaking in March, 1975, that the Government would consider using Giro for making more of its own payments.

Through its single accounting centre and simple overnight transfers between accounts, Giro has provided a service not offered by any of the clearing banks. Yet the White Paper does not propose any campaign to sell those advantages to a wider audience. Indeed, by speaking of a card to guarantee only payments to people who bank elsewhere, it may positively discourage payments to those who are also account-holders at Giro!

It is disappointing, too, that Mr Benn's successor has seemingly failed to convince his colleagues that their departments could make more use of Giro, yet the Inland Revenue still refuses to pay tax refunds this way and the Department for National Savings will neither make SAYE repayments nor pay savings bank withdrawals by transfers from their Giro accounts. What hope is there of persuading others to pay by Giro when the Government fails to set an example?

Yours faithfully,
A. E. REYNOLDS,
40 Leyburn Gardens,
Croydon, CR0 5NL.
November 25.

Users' concern over railway cuts and investment prospects

From Mr L. A. Dumelow

Sir, May I point out that as well as the railway unions the Central Transport Consultative Committee and the area transport users consultative committees, the statutory bodies representing rail users, are very concerned at the effect the various cuts by British Rail will have on the travelling public. The TUCCs are being consulted by British rail locally about the cuts to be made in their areas.

Moreover, my committee met the Minister for Transport on September 24 and drew his attention to their grave concern about the consequential effect on the quality of rail service should there be any reduction by the Government in the level of passenger support grant and capital investment to British Rail. It was pointed out that apart from the proposed cuts in train services three fare increases which went considerably beyond the rate of inflation had been imposed in 1975 and more were expected in the next year or so which would inevitably lead to falling demand and reduced revenue. Any further measures by British Rail such as withdrawals of rail services would have considerable social consequences.

The committee emphasized that what the railways needed was a stable long term investment programme with the requirements of rail users in the next decade being identified and the necessary capital provided to meet those needs. The more the railways deteriorated through lack of investment the more expensive would be the eventual rehabilitation and the central committee strongly urged that an increasing level of grant and capital investment be committed for British Rail. On transport policy, the committee represented that the transport industry as a whole required a planned approach to its development. There should be a comprehensive Government strategy for planning transport services in relation to the resources available for all forms of transport.

The minister explained that the financial help British Rail would receive from the taxpayer would amount to nearly £500m in 1975. It was true that fare increases had exceeded the rate of inflation but this was as a result of having to catch up on past price restraint. Rises in fares could lead to reduced use of the railways, but the alternative was higher subsidies, and it was necessary to question whether subsidizing passenger travel represented the best social use of scarce resources. He accepted that it was desirable for British Rail to have a firmly established long term investment programme and he would bear in mind the committee's views. The minister also indicated that the Government were looking at transport as a whole in an integrated way and he hoped that a comprehensive statement on transport policy would be made by the end of 1975 or early in 1976.

It goes without saying that my committee and the TUCCs will continue to work energetically on behalf of all those who travel by train.

Yours faithfully,
L. A. DUMELOW,
Secretary,
Central Transport Consultative Committee,
3-4 Great Marlborough Street,
London W1V 2EA.
November 24.

Adding up the shopping bill

From Mr B. Singleton

Sir, In Mr W. Hughes-Lewis's position (November 24), I should have insisted on paying [illegible] separately, ie, 5 pence for one, and 15 pence for the other.

Yours faithfully,
B. SINGLETON,
12 West Common Gardens,
Scunthorpe,
Lincolnshire.
November 24.

Tax burden of small businesses

From Mr C. J. Dauris

Sir, I was very glad to see the letter from Mr David Mitchell MP (November 21) emphasizing the importance of retained profits to smaller businesses and all unquoted companies. It is encouraging to see a committee of the Conservative Party giving its attention to the problems created by the taxing of such profits.

The Labour Party's record towards independent businesses has been more helpful, in the matter of corporation tax if not in other matters. The "classic" system introduced by Mr Callaghan in 1965 to encourage retention was a change for the better, at least after the "close company" provisions had been ameliorated. However, the present system introduced by Mr Barber (as he then was), though it allows a reduced rate for companies making small profits, has still increased the tax burden of the unquoted company sector.

Further, reliefs have been brought in by Labour governments: the "Directors' Ration" was ended under Mr Jenkins and stock relief has been allowed, temporarily anyway, under Mr Healey. There has been no comparable change under a Conservative government.

I hope that Mr Mitchell will be able to persuade his colleagues to make amends by giving serious consideration to Mr B. A. Cole's proposal that corporation tax is abolished. Taxes on efficiency are uneconomic.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. DAURIS, Chairman,
Legislation Committee,
The Association of Independent Businesses,
Europe House,
World Trade Centre,
London E1.
November 24.

'Secret' route to Heathrow

From Mr P. M. Haydon

Sir, There is one route from central London to Heathrow which is so successful in solving the transport problem for all those in the know that they tend to include it among their best-kept secrets.

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Mr D. H. Pantlin (November 10) and all others are welcome to sample this rail-road expressway at a mere 55p a time.

Yours faithfully,
P. M. HAYDON,
Passenger Manager,
British Railways Southern Region,
Waterloo Station,
London SE1.
November 17.

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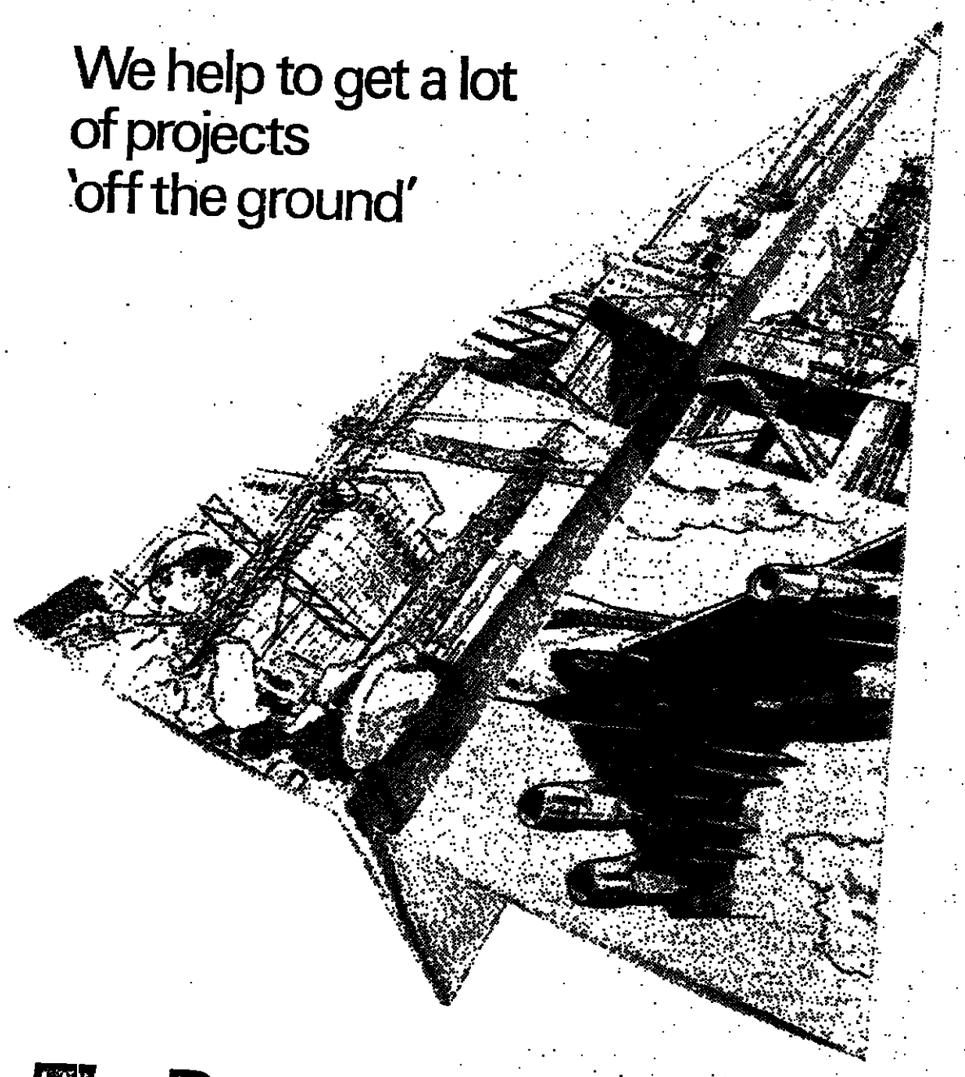
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The Government leaves it to the experts

ere are times when one can ly bless the Government for ding gingerly and for care- ly worded statements that re the debating arena open further discussion.

One such time came with erday's Commons statement Mr Peter Shore on the vernment's views on the ndilands report. For what the vernment has, in effect done, itable—namely that infla- accounting was on its way but left the nitty-gritty on specific form of inflation ounting we are to have to se whom it most interests those who know most about

t the same time, add quite lerstandably, the Govern- has taken the political potatoes, notably the olications for taxation and ce controls, firmly back into own court.

ut given that the implica- ns on these two fronts are far-reaching and that proper sideration of them must ve time-consuming, the hope st be that the Government l not, in fact, allow them be forgotten until the ering Committee comes up h its final recommendations. The preliminary indications that they will not. The vernment is clearly not only ing to be represented on the ering group but it appears at it, may well be moving ead with its own contribution inflation accounting as the oup's work progresses. It will, r instance, be considering y changes that may be neces- ry in company law, notably in eas relating to dividend dis- ibution, where there could be orny problems over such ms as the distribution of lding gains as dividends. It ll also continue work on the eparation on the indices quired to make CCA applic- le in practice.

More important still, per- ps, yesterday's statement es not appear to rule out the ssibility that the implications inflation could be considered any future prices code—the esent one running its course mid-1976. In the meantime, e steering group looks to be t for a busy new year.

Avon Rubber

Token final dividend

Avon has been among the worst casualties of the down- wing in the United Kingdom ar industry over the past year. But despite pre-tax losses of £502,850 against the £1.94m profit the year before, some relief that the outcome had not been even worse prevented the hares falling more than 1p to 1p.

Although the second half has lawed back some of the £762,000 first half deficit, the ading picture has not im- roved to any marked extent. lost of the earnings improve- ent in the period came from e inclusion of its share of rofits—worth £316,261—from s 22 per cent holding in the FD Group.

Excluding this, Avon did ttle more than break even at e trading level. That this was ossible at all was due to the rastic surgery carried out in e first half involving 1,230 edundancies and plant clos- res, the brunt of whose 700,000 costs were felt in the irst half.

Poor tyre demand—exacer- ated by customer destocking n the first half—wrought the ost damage and now that Avon has bowed out of the olume tyre market its reliance n the even-harder-pressed pecialist car manufacturers annot have stood it in good tead.

Industrial products also suf- fered at the hands of the car industry, necessitating the closure of the Belgian subsidiary. And the medical products side also had to bear the costs of the new United States factory but is now better placed to benefit over the next year.

Avon's borrowings position has been one of the major fears behind the weakness in the shares this year and a final verdict on the robustness of the balance-sheet will have to await the accounts.

After doubts that the dividend would be passed altogether, the token payment helps and the company has muted hopes that it will be reinstated next year, but that apart there are companies better placed to take advantage of any upturn in the United Kingdom car industry.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £2.72m
Sales £71.9m (£64.2m)
Pre-tax loss £502,850 (£1.94m)
Dividend gross 1p (8.58p)

*Profit.

Johnson Matthey

Judging the cycle

As was to be expected, Johnson Matthey is still feeling the effects of the world-wide recession. That situation is likely to continue for the remainder of the financial year if not through to the first half of 1976-77.

Although managing a slight rise in turnover in the second quarter to £76m (excluding JM Bankers), margins came under further pressure with the result that profits were down by a quarter from £4m to £2.93m, leaving the half-year down nearly a third from £8.45m to £5.79m.

Although best known for its bullion dealing, JM last year drew 48 per cent of its profits from "mechanical productions", which is, in effect, metal fabrication of items for the jewelry trade, the chemical, oil and electrical industries. This heavy dependence on industry naturally produces sharp cyclical fluctuations.

However, it also places the company in the mainstream of any economic upturn—and the revival seen recently in the chemical industry is certain to be reflected in JM's second quarter—the benefits of which should begin to accrue from the middle of next year.

In addition, JM last year made more than half of its profits overseas, which will enable it to catch the beginning of the revival abroad.

Unless conditions worsen, JM expects to do a little better in the second half which, at 290p, puts the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of about 8, with a yield of about 6 per cent assuming a maximum dividend increase. With the prospect of a revival in world economies, the shares are still attractive.

Interim: 1975/76 (1974/75)
Capitalization £49.2m
*Sales** £144.4m (£158.8m)
Pre-tax Profits £5.79m (£8.45m)
Dividend gross 7.7p (7.46p)
* Excluding JM Bankers.

Tesco

Comparisons with Sainsbury

The stock market may have been disappointed with Tesco's interim results yesterday, but nevertheless there is a marked contrast with the recent dismal figures from Sainsbury.

Tesco's sales were slightly ahead of Sainsbury's in growth terms, with a rise of just over a fifth. But bearing in mind that non-foods play a substantially larger part in the product-mix and have been sluggish through the first six months, it looks as though the food side may have gained a fraction in market share.

Certainly, Tesco thinks it may have been a net beneficiary of the trading down that seems to have been one of the main adverse factors behind Sainsbury's figures and, surprisingly, it is forecasting a somewhat better growth in profits over the rest of the year after the 12 per cent increase of the first six months.

But Tesco reckons it managed a volume gain of 2 per cent overall, before the benefits of an additional 1½ per cent in selling area. During the second half the non-food side has apparently forged ahead on the back of heavy promotions of branded goods, while meat prices have staged a recovery.

In spite of Tesco's feeling that it has hit a winning streak in its surprising move away from own brands on its non-foods side, it is difficult to follow the psychology in the even tighter consumer climate expected after Christmas. The shares, at 45p, down 4p yesterday, have not performed well in front of the figures, but with a prospective p/e ratio of around 11¼, and a yield of 4½ per cent they still look fully valued for the moment.

Interim: 1975/76 (1974/75)
Capitalization £142m
Sales £264.6m (£220.4m)
Pre-tax profits £9.4m (£8.3m)
Dividend gross 0.88p (0.8p)

Suits

A changed portfolio

A near 10 per cent fall in Scottish and Universal Investments' trading profits disappointed the market and the shares fell 3p to 94p. However, another way of looking at it is that the interim figure of £2.27m is 30 per cent up on the second half of last year and, since there is particularly seasonal character to any of the SUITS' businesses, that is promising.

It also accords with SUITS' earlier forecast of an "overall pleasing result" by the end of the year. The whisky division has probably shown some improvement already, after a poor performance in the second half of last year, and the printing and publishing side will very likely provide extra impetus in the second half.

Meanwhile, the £200,000 interim improvement is also attributable to the virtual disappearance of temporary loan interest which ran at £0.7m in the first half of last year after SUITS borrowed money to buy further House of Fraser shares, around the time of Boots interest in that group.

Other charges have offset much of this benefit, however. Following the subsequent disposal of the bulk of its House of Fraser stake to Carter Hawley Hale, SUITS will probably see its dividend income fall by a half to around £0.7m this year though interest on loans and other securities should jump by around £0.9m to £1m.

SUITS shares have badly underperformed the market this year after the bull position generated last year by the CHH deal.

For those who believe that SUITS is a good vehicle for riding out the recession, however, given the relative resilience of the Scottish economy, the shares have attractions at the present level, underpinned by a prospective yield of just over 8 per cent.

Interim: 1975/76 (1974/75)
Capitalization £29.2m
Pre-tax Profits £2.67m (£2.47m)
Dividend gross 3.09p (2.81p)

Current cost accounting proposals inappropriate for financial institutions

The debate on the Sandilands Report, as conducted in the pages of *The Times*, has centred on a single issue: Whether or not it is right to set aside all "holding gains", regardless of whether they are debt—or equity—financed, before arriving at a figure of profit. Yes it is, say the Sandilands Committee itself and such sympathizers as Messrs Merrett and Sykes. No it isn't, say (in their different ways) Messrs Gibbs, Godley, Cripps, Jay and Kennedy.

Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, refrained from grasping this nettle in his statement yesterday. While he endorsed the accounting profession's recommendation that inflation-adjusted statements of shareholders' funds be produced, his only specific suggestion on the profit and loss issue was that historic cost accounts continue to be shown for a while; on the grounds, some might argue, that two erroneous profit statements are better than one.

He did, however, volunteer to provide the steering group, which is to be set up to consider the issues involved, with guidance on the specific issue of distributability, so all is not lost yet.

This article will try to kill two birds with one stone. Its primary purpose is to show that Current Cost Accounting (CCA) as proposed by Sandilands is inappropriate for financial institutions. At the same time it may lend some support to the view that CCA is in need of amendment along the lines proposed by Gibbs and company before being applied to companies at large.

As a starting point, here is an attempt to apply the proof of *reductio ad absurdum* to one of Sandilands' main propositions:

(1) No adjustment in respect of monetary assets and liabilities is necessary before arriving at a figure of CCA profit (Sandilands).

(2) Therefore, the CCA profit of a company whose assets and liabilities consist exclusively of monetary items is equal to its historic profit; that is such a company could distribute all its conventionally defined profit and (in some Sandilands sense) be no "worse off" than it was at the start of the accounting period.

(3) Such a company adopting such a distribution policy at a time of sufficiently rapid inflation would eventually be obliged to cease trading.

(4) Therefore, proposition one is false.

Ian Morison

In the extreme case, inflation might be so severe that £100 (or £100m, or whatever figure one postulates) became smaller than the smallest unit of currency used as a medium of exchange within the economy. Some time before then, the bank would have found that it could no longer hold a sufficient number of deposits and advances on its books to ensure the necessary prudent spread of business.

If the bank chose the second option and allowed its balance sheet to expand in line with inflation, while still distributing all its CCA profit, its capital and reserves would eventually be so small a fraction of its total resources that one minor, unanticipated bad debt would be enough to drive it into insolvency.

Let us now suppose, however, that the bank decided to give up banking and turned instead to "widget-trading". All sums necessary to hold an unchanged volume of widgets could now be deducted before striking CCA profit. Suppose the company started its new life with £90 of borrowings, £10 of capital and reserves (as before) and 100 widgets worth £1 each. By the time its widgets were worth £100 each it would be able to show on the left hand side of its balance sheet borrowings of £90 and capital and reserves of £9,910—even if it too had distributed all its CCA profit. Admittedly, about half of the latter figure would represent deferred tax rather than shareholders' funds; but even if this amount were included with borrowings rather than capital, it would be quite clear that a colossal change in the company occurred.

An accounting system which could permit two such extraordinary results surely needs reconsideration. To return to the example of the bank, it is necessary to ask first how CCA is to be adapted to provide a more realistic statement of the distributable profits of a financial institution.

A number of approaches could be considered, but they would all have one factor in common. They would all seek to ensure that such institutions do not show as profit any amounts necessary to maintain the real level of their business activity.

As for the second example—the bank turned widget-trader—a conflict exists between two forceful views. On the one hand there is a reluctance to believe that all increases in the money value of a company's assets should be equity-financed. On the other hand there is also a reluctance to encourage a company to distribute sums which must be replaced forthwith by borrowings if it is to carry on in business.

The original example of the bank may help to resolve the conflict. No one would regard the bank as acting improperly if, in the period of 10 per cent inflation, it distributed its £1 profit even though at the same time it was taking on £9 of new deposits. It would only be criticized if its distribution policy resulted in an intolerable deterioration in its capital adequacy or liquidity.

Similarly, there should be no objection to a statement of distributable profits by the widget-trader, or even to their actual distribution, as long as this does not result in an intolerable deterioration in its capital/borrowing ratios. It may, of course, be that the company is precluded from distributing all its "distributable" profits by cash flow considerations. For one of many reasons, it may perhaps be unable to increase its borrowing pro rata to its retentions. But to allow the company in such circumstances to finance all its increased asset values with equity *before* striking a profit figure is to overlook the very real distinction between profitability and liquidity which Sandilands, in other contexts, is at pains to stress.

It seems reasonable, then, that the deduction from historic cost profit should normally be less than the Sandilands holding gain in the case of companies with net monetary liabilities, if only because double-counting is involved if one deducts from profit not only the holding gain but also the inflationary compensation in the interest paid on the borrowings that financed that gain. Conversely, it seems reasonable to make some additional deduction from the historic cost profit of companies with net monetary assets.

Deciding the extent of the deduction must therefore be largely a matter of taste and practicality. Previous writers in these pages have tended to the view that the extent of a company's monetary liabilities and assets at the start of the period should be the determining factor one way or another.

However, consideration should be given to an alternative, more normative, approach based on a company's formal or effective borrowing limits rather than on the borrowing ratio it happened to show on a particular date in the past.

What is surely beyond question, though, is the relevance of holdings of net monetary assets or liabilities to the well-being of a company at a time when the purchasing power of monetary liabilities is, all other things being equal, no better off than a company with depreciating assets is a poor sort of make-belief. It is to be hoped that the Government's general endorsement of Sandilands does not mean that this make-belief is to be perpetuated.

The author, who works for the Inter-Bank Research Organisation, writes in a personal capacity.

Theirs is just to reason why

Mr Wynne Godley, the Director of the Cambridge University Department of Applied Economics, has opened up an important argument about the Treasury's control of public expenditure in his evidence on November 6 to the House of Commons Expenditure Committee.

Mr Godley alleged that total public expenditure in the year 1974-75, according to the officially estimated out-turn available in January, 1975, had risen by about £5,000m (or nearly an eighth of the estimated out-turn) over the expenditure planned for that year in the White Paper of December, 1971, after making all allowances for inflation and for announced changes in policy. The Treasury's response this week has been to account in broad detail (see the table) for the difference between the December, 1971, planned total and last January's estimated out-turn and to claim that none of the components of the difference "constitutes valid evidence of loss of financial control".

It all depends, of course, what is meant by "loss of financial control".

No one is in fact suggesting that individual Treasury officials have fallen down on their formal responsibilities. The suggestion is rather that a combination of ministerial weakness—particularly in 1972 and again in 1974—and certain specific defects of the system—most notably its hitherto unquestioning acceptance of any increases in pay and prices as being outside the formal framework of control—has led to a result which no one intended, which no one would wish to justify and which the Treasury itself is now scrambling to recoup.

As the Treasury points out, some of the real changes in programmes, other than those formally announced, are the indirect consequences of changes in government policies over a period which has comprehended a change of government as well as large swings in economic fortunes from slump to boom and back to slump. But this is not a full answer. The whole purpose of the public expenditure planning, which stretches four or so years into the future, is that it should seek to rise above the waves of short-term economic fluctuations and chart a reasonably stable course.

Peter Jay

Economics Editor

It is, moreover, unsatisfactory to be told that changes in government policies account for bigger changes in public spending plans than the figures given in successive annual White Papers for the cost of policy changes. Indirect effects could reasonably be included in forward estimates and brought up to date for past periods where accurate forecasts are not possible. But much the most unsatisfactory feature are the unplanned relative price increases, which in less technical language means that there has been no effective financial control over rates of pay and levels of prices in the public sector.

The new system of cash limits is a recognition by the Chancellor and the Treasury that control has been too weak in this area. But we need to know in addition that where other unplanned increases in Government spending occur—as they must in some areas, such as unemployment benefit—the Treasury can and, if necessary, will enforce compensating savings elsewhere in spending programmes. It would further assist understanding and control, as I have often argued before, if expenditure adjustments which are related to combating the trade cycle in the short term were separately accounted for outside the basic series of public expenditure figures.

THE MISSING BILLIONS

	£m
1974-5 total public expenditure as planned in December, 1971[1]	28,145
1974-5 total public expenditure out-turn as estimated in January, 1975[2]	45,378
	16,233
Of which:	
Fall in general value of money[3]	10,453
Changes in definition of total public expenditure[4]	600
	11,053
Less	
Contingency reserve provision in December, 1971[5]	−500
Excess of estimated actual shortfall over planned shortfall[6]	−300
True increase in out-turn over planned total	6,475
Of which:	
Extra debt interest[8]	800
Unplanned relative price increases[9]	1,700
Rounding errors	−25

Footnotes:
1 Cmnd 4829, table 1.2.
2 Cmnd 5879, table 3.1.
3 Allows for 40 per cent increase in GDP deflator 1971-2 to 1974-5 as assumed in Cmnd 5879.
4 Coverage changes as noted in successive public expenditure White Papers with estimates of their effects in other years, all converted to 1974-5 out-turn prices.
5 £375m as in Cmnd 4829 converted to 1974-5 out-turn prices.
6 Cmnd 4829 provided for £100m shortfall. Cmnd 5879 provided for £300m.
7 Treasury figures at 1974-5 out-turn prices.
8 Excess of Cmnd 5879 out-turn over Cmnd 4829 provision increased in line with GDP deflator.
9 Total RPE 1970-1 to 1974-5 as in Cmnd 5879, table 3.1, less the RPE as it would have been on the assumptions used in Cmnd 4829

Business Diary: The grand liquidator • Tenth wise man

oming earlier this year from pain where he had got rid of British Leyland's Authi sub- idiary, Percy Plant was immed- ately dubbed by the Italian press: "The grand liquidator". Now that he has done a hatchet job on the company of which he has been chairman and chief executive for only a few months, he will have to expect epithets like "the murderer of Milan".

He soon disagreed with Signor Pier Giovanni Bella, the managing director, who resigned in the summer. The trade unions and the left-wing opposition, including the Communist Party, maintained all along that Plant had been sent to Italy with a brief to liquidate the loss-making Innocenti subsidiary.

They professed to see an element of bluff in British Leyland's avowed plan to slim the workforce by 1,500 and run at a loss for two years in the hope that there could be a return to profitability in Italy. They can now say they were right.

In Plant's favour, however, it should be said that he suffered from speaking little Italian—a language with different nuances to the Spanish which he knows—and his manner seemed sometimes blunter than could be helped. Besides the tension of negotiating with government ministers in meetings that would last until the small hours, he was under the added strain of being exposed to possible violence.



Percy Plant: Leyland's man in Milan hot seat.

Innocenti has already had a bomb in its Rome showrooms, while its head of personnel, Signor Valerio di Marco, was shot in the legs and ended up in hospital after an incident with a left-wing extremist. Plant has been flitting from hotel to hotel in Rome in recent weeks, without disclosing where he was staying.

Signor di Marco was a relic from the earlier management of Geoffrey Robinson in the days before British Leyland was rescued by the British Government. Robinson established direct and informal contacts with the factory council, something rare enough in big Italian firms. The unions responded the other day by condemning the attack on Signor di Marco and sending representatives to visit him in hospital.

Third world link

A new (or to be more precise, an old) name steps into the Commonwealth's attempt to play its role in the "dialogue" between developed and developing countries today. He is Sidney Golt, currently chairman of the Linked Life Assurance group, but for most of his working life a civil servant in the Board of Trade, who played a leading role in setting up organizations like United Nations' Conference on Trade and Development which try to bring both rich and poor nations together.

Sixty-five-year-old Golt has just been appointed the British representative on the group of "ten wise men". This is the body which was set up by the Commonwealth after a speech earlier this year by Prime Minister Harold Wilson, which called for a bold initiative to bridge the gap between industrial and developing nations. Unfortunately, when the group produced their report in time for the meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers in Guyana in early September, some of their initiatives seemed a bit too bold for the United Kingdom's taste.

Matters were not made easier by the fact that one of the signatories of that report was the Foreign Office's Sir Donald Maitland, and although the introduction made it clear that each of the authors participated in a purely personal capacity, it was not surprising that many saw his endorsement as being the same as the blessing of the British Government. That made it more difficult to explain that the United Kingdom is still deeply unhappy about indexing commodity prices to inflation, especially since the Treasury has been fervently hoping that commodity prices will fall to help our domestic problems.

Which is where Sir Donald (now ambassador to Brussels) goes out, and Golt comes in.

Although retired from the Civil Service he is now of it but not in it, which means that when the experts produce their new report in time for the next meeting of UNCTAD, scheduled for Nairobi in April, there will be no doubt that its a personal contribution by him rather than a government line.

He thinks that the best hope for developing countries lies not in seeking any special preferences for their products but in pursuing general free access all round, a view which may owe something to the Board of Trade's renowned scepticism about any interference with free trade.

He is also sceptical about the practicality of commodity agreements, and particularly of indexation, but he does believe that there has been a turn for the better in relations between developing countries and the rest of the world, which he sees symbolized by the atmosphere at the September meeting of the United Nations.

Backing Britain

Rupert Chetwynd, 41-year-old head of his own advertising agency group, is to shortly move into a new line of business. He is planning to found and chair an export club with the assistance of the British Overseas Trade Board.

The job will involve firms in the West Midlands (Chetwynd lives in Shropshire), particularly the smaller ones that are either exporting or wish to export. The idea is that they will be able to meet regularly through the club to discuss common problems of exporting.

Chetwynd says he hopes the new job will be of "some value to my country". However, while handing over the chairmanship of the Rupert Chetwynd group to Julian Broad, who is already chairman of the main operating company, he is, according to Broad, "not abandoning the place". He will remain a director and continue to attend the office for three days a week.

Although the group through its connections with Streets Advertising, which it acquired in 1971, has regional subsidiaries in Leicester, Manchester and Glasgow, Chetwynd's new job is apparently in no way an attempt to bring new business into the operation. "Rupert simply likes new challenges", says Broad.

Chetwynd says the group, whose advertising accounts includes the Eggs Authority and the Halfords retail chain as well as National Westminster Bank Unit Trust says it is currently "performing strongly with considerable prospects in view".

However, it has suffered like the rest of the advertising industry from the effects of recession particularly in the financial and recruitment areas. Billings of the main agency currently stand at around £4.5m, about £1m less than a few years ago.

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Profits collapse at FMC after losses hit Marsh Harris

By Ronald Pullen

Despite a £26¼m jump in sales to £159.9m at the half-way stage, pre-tax profits at FMC collapsed from £1.52m last year to a mere £172,000.

Europe's largest meat wholesaler was earlier this year at the centre of a storm over compensation terms to Mr J. Anson Payne, then chairman, as part of the NFU Development Trust's controversial proposals—since successful—to use its 41 per cent stake in FMC to greater effect.

The main damage has been done by losses at the Marsh Harris meat processing group where higher pig prices, increased costs and price controls bit deeply into margins.

Trading in fresh meat has declined in profitability from last year's exceptional levels, although the poultry side is back in profit and results for the by-products division have improved.

The interim figures do not include the results from the New Zealand subsidiary—acquired in the second half of last year—and these have been excluded from the comparable figures of last year, but the company adds that it is trading satisfactorily.

There is unlikely to be any marked improvement in the second half and full year results will show a substantial reduction on last year's record profits.

Reverting to the practice of earlier years, dividend payments have been delayed to the year end, but FMC says that earnings should be sufficient to cover the cost of the same dividends as were paid last year. The shares closed 7p down at 52p yesterday.

Rights issue and rally by Mowlem

A rights issue and forecast of record profits left the shares of John Mowlem unchanged yesterday at 84p. The board is to issue 1.73 million shares at 68p in the ratio of one-for-four. This should raise about £1.13m to strengthen the group's capital base—which has been outpaced by the growth of turnover, mainly as a result of inflation.

Last year pre-tax profits of this building, civil engineering, property investment and development group fell from a peak of £2.08m to £1.81m, and the board hopes to more than make up this leeway and produce a profit of "not less than" £2.2m. The current order book indicates a good level of work for 1976.

The fall in profits last year followed the floods in Queensland, Australia, and the interim results announced in October showed a recovery from a pre-tax profit of £792,000 to £1.01m. On the basis of its forecast, the board intends to raise the gross dividend from 6.20p to 6.82p—a 10 per cent increase.

Scotia is suspended for not disclosing deals

By David Mott

The Stock Exchange has suspended the quotation of Scotia Investments for "a failure to comply with listing requirements".

More specifically, it is understood the alleged breach concerns a failure to notify to the SE authorities of certain transactions between Scotia and Alco Metropolitan Properties, which has 60 per cent of the company and is bidding 17p a share for the rest. Alco is controlled by four Scotia directors.

Mr P. Frohlich, Scotia's joint-managing-director, said the company were given no advance warning of the suspension. "I have no idea why they have taken this action—presumably it is a technical breach", he added. He said that in any case Scotia would have been asking for a suspension in a fortnight or so as they are in the bid situation.

The board would be consulting their professional advisers and would probably get in touch with the Stock Exchange in due course. The deals at the heart of the Stock Exchange move came to light in the offer document.

Sanger returns to form

The second-half recovery at J. E. Sanger, the meat trader, has continued into the current year and produced a pre-tax profit of £615,000 for the six months to September 30. This compares with £165,000 for the first half of 1974—which reflected the total ban on beef and veal imports into the EEC. Turnover rose from £14.1m to £19.6m.

The interim dividend is raised from 1.11p to 2.69p gross and an overall increase is promised for the full year.

The overseas subsidiaries account for about 67 per cent of group turnover and are performing well. Trading from London continues to improve, while the Dublin office, in particular, has experienced a substantial increase in turnover.

Stock markets

Disappointing interim report weakens Tesco

Trading was thin on the stock market yesterday, with share prices finally succumbing to some profit-taking ahead of the end of the trading account.

Major investors keenly await today's profits news from ICI, to be followed in a week by the latest trading report from BP, also a testing point for the market's recent advance.

"Longs" captured most attention in the gilt-edged market. Although the Government broker sold a number of stocks as unofficial "raps" the absence of an official "tap" after the exhaustion of Treasury 12¼ per cent 1992 on Tuesday, encouraged the market.

A feeling developed that the authorities may be willing to let the market rise a little to create a favourable climate for the reception of a replacement long-dated "tap" in one or two weeks' time.

The best gains were recorded in the high-coupon stocks. "Mediums" fared reasonably well, putting on ¼ or ½ point, but undated stocks were less favoured, with rises limited to 1-16 point.

"Shorts" were slightly weaker on the day. But falls were generally restricted to 1/16 point. Dealers said that business was modest and that there were no special features.

Share prices opened the day well, as dealers caught up with the fresh rise on Wall Street. But it was soon clear that the institutions were unwilling to enter the market until ICI reports today, and major shares began to fall back after the first hour.

Prices continued to slide throughout the session, although selling was light. The news, in late dealing, that the TUC has ruled out any ideas of a consumption-led boom pleased the City, but had no discernible effect on share prices.

The FT index, having touched 375.7 at 10 am, closed a net 5.6 down at 367.5. Recorded bargains, of 6,656 compared with 7,832 on Monday.

Prospects for ICI's third-quarter profits, due this afternoon, provided the chief talking point. Shares in the chemical giant touched 321p briefly, but closed a net 5p off at 314p, in spite of a prediction from one broker that ICI could turn in about £70m for the period—somewhat higher than Business News has forecast. Turnover in ICI shares was moderate yesterday, with most investors content to leave them alone.

A question mark also continues to hang over BP shares. In addition to the growing expectation that the Bank will soon try to place the stake acquired from Burmah, the share price is unsettled ahead of the nine-month trading report, due next week.

Shares in Fairey, nuclear and hydraulic engineer, were active ahead of today's interim report. Market hints of a rights issue restrained the buyers, however.

Some sources fear that BP's earnings will reflect the full force of the world recession. At 567p, the shares were 3p off on some nervous selling.

Shell (372p) also eased, but Burmah Oil at 31p held their overnight price.

Among other "blue chips", early gains were replaced by losses, which finally ranged to about 5p. Unilever (414p) after 426p, were particularly unsettled by the performance of sterling, which affects the relative attractions of shares in Unilever Ltd and NV. Unilever Ltd. Beecham (338p), Fisons (375p) and Bats (324p) all shed a few pence. Glaxo Hldgs (360p) and Distillers (129p) tried to respond to Wall Street's trend but slipped back to end the day with prices unchanged from the previous close.

The consumer section took a severe shaking from the interim result from Tesco Hldgs, which slipped 4p to 45½p after disclosing profits well below market expectations.

In their wake, shares in Cavenhams (126p), J. Lyons "A" (146p), Sainsbury (137p) and British Home Stores (348p) all fell back as the market assessed implications for the food trading sector.

The traditional store leaders had a dull session, with prices shading lower on lack of interest. Marks & Spencer (101p), Boots (137p) and Great Universal Stores "A" (189p) held their losses to within the 3p range. Mothercare opened firmer, helped by press comments on good trading, but ended the session unchanged.

But the good news came in the form of press reports that the Government plans to relax hire purchase rules. This brought interest in shares of Hoover, the domestic appliance maker, which gained 7p to 320p on the hope that business will benefit from such a move.

Similar hopes also boosted EMI (227p) and GEC (141p after 143p), both with substantial interest in hire purchase trading, and also Currys, which moved up to 292p.

Heavy engineering shares held up well against the profit-takers. Motor trade issues looked unhappy against the background of reported threats by Chrysler to close its United Kingdom plant at the year-end. Lucas Industries at 175p, Smiths Industries at 131p and Pilkington Brothers at 276p were all a few pence lower at the end of the day. But GKN ended firmer at 257p, after 261p, although trade in the shares was very thin.

In shipping shares, Furness Withy looked unhappy as the market awaited confirmation of the Business News report that the Eurocanadian situation was to be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

When the news came, shares in Furness lost a further 1p to close at 209p, a net 7p down.

On the tramp share pitch, J. L Jacobs jumped to 19p on news of tanker sales—also predicted in Business News.

Building and construction shares had a mixed day. J. Mowlem ended at 84p after a £1.1m rights issue announcement accompanied a forecast of higher profits and dividend payment. AP Cement (188p) shed 1p but Tunnel (184p) found a few buyers.

Profits from FMC were considered below the gloomiest predictions and the shares dipped to 52p, down 7p. Another unfortunate on the company news front was Epicure Holdings, which slipped to 5p after disclosing that its restaurant interests have turned a profit into a heavy loss over the past 12 months.

But trading statements were good for a few pence on shares in Edgar Allen, Melville Dundas and Braby Leslie.

Omission of the dividend at Water Duncan & Goodricke continued to upset the shares. Further selling took the price down to 115p, a net loss of 17p.

Banking issues were generally easier, but the exception was Hambros which added a further 5p to 200p on the back of an excellent mid-term report. Slater Walker Securities (26p) continued to fall away on lack of support.

Insurance issues firmed up, however, and property shares recouped a few pence of Monday's falls.

With London bullion prices weak, gold shares could find no supporters. In spite of Wall Street's firmness, losses of 50c or so were recorded by such major producers as F. S. Geduld (£20¾), P. Brand (£81½) and Rand Mines Steyn (£10¾).

Elsewhere in mines, Lonrho remained quiet at 121p while awaiting the trading report. On the Australian side, Pan Continental continued to forge ahead. Equity turnover on Monday was worth £51.9m (14,905 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Brit Home Stores new, BP, Shell, Glaxo, Unilever, Rank "A", Distillers, Allied Breweries and Slater Walker Securities.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ampol Pet (Aus 50c) Fin	3.0	2.5	18/2	5.5	5.0
Avon Rubber (£1) Fin	0.67	5.7	26/1	0.67	8.56
Boosey & Hawkes (25p) Int	1.26	1.15	12/1	—	3.79
B'house Dudley (10p) Int	0.63	0.59	6/1	—	1.64
Brunning (25p) Int	1.13	1.13	12/1	—	1.98
Sir Jo Causton (25p) Fin	Nil	1.0	—	Nil	1.67
Comben (10p) Int	0.45	0.45	31/12	—	1.35
Alfred Dunhill (10p) Int	2.2	2.0	13/1	—	6.63
Johnson Matthey (£1) Int	5.0	5.0	2/2	—	10.22
Lee Cooper (25p) Int	1.62	—	16/1	—	1.62
London Prud Inv (25p) Int	0.83	0.83	23/12	—	1.88
M & G Second (10p) Int	2.1	1.9	16/1	—	3.50
John Mowlem (25p) Fin	4.43	4.03	—	4.43	4.03*
Ouvah H'fields (£1) Fin	1.57	1.47	19/12	1.57	1.47
Rosehaugh (25p) Fin	0.91	0.93	2/1	0.91	0.93
J. E. Sanger (10p) Int	1.75	0.75	23/1	—	3.75
Scot & Universal Int	2.01	1.88	26/3	—	—
J. W. Spear (25p) Int	0.52	0.48	—	—	1.38
Tesco (5p) Int	0.57	0.53	1/3	—	1.21

*Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Forecast.*

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INDUSTRIES LIMITED

INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1975 TO HOLDERS OF ORDINARY AND ORDINARY "A" SHARES

	1975/76 £'000s	1974/75 £'000s
Turnover	7,612	7,124
(Stated after deducting depreciation, audit fees, Directors' remuneration and interest charges)	309	365
Less taxation	161	190
Net profit (unaudited)	148	175

Your Directors in announcing trading results for the half year ended 30th September, 1975, stress that the trend anticipated with less favourable trading conditions during the period has resulted in reduced profit margins and consequently a reduced net profit. We are able to report an increase in turnover and that orders are being maintained at a satisfactory level and this in itself leaves us with some optimism.

An Interim payment of 1.75 pence per share on the Ordinary and "A" Ordinary Shares is proposed and will be paid on 21st January, 1976, to shareholders on the Company's register at 19th December, 1975.

A. E. Ross Seymour, Chairman.

Thomas Marshall Investments Limited

INTERIM REPORT 1975/76

26 Weeks to 27th September, 1975.

- Turnover £10.8 Million
- Pre Tax Profits Up From £639,000 to £701,000
- Net Profit Up From £320,000 to £353,000
- Interim Dividend Increased By 10% to 1.265p. per share

MUAR RIVER RUBBER CO. LTD.

Sir John D. Barlow Bart's Review

The fifty fifth annual general meeting of the Company was held on 26th November 1975 in London.

SIR JOHN D. BARLOW BART. the chairman said—The trading profit for the year ended 31st March, 1975 of £388,187 was 40% less than the previous year's record profit. The surplus on land sales and on sales of investments was £636,984. The dividend of 1.41p per share to be paid to members is the maximum allowed under Dividend Limitation and will cost £122,289.

OUTLOOK

The Malaysian Government's measures in December 1974 to restrict output prevented the rubber price falling away during 1975. The current price of over 32p per kilo c.i.f. reflects insufficient industrial demand. We cannot except a sustained rise in the price of rubber until there is increased industrial activity throughout the world.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Alfred Dunhill 12 p c ahead at halfway

Miss Mary Dunhill, who vacates the chair of Alfred Dunhill at the end of the year, announces her retirement on a happy note. Pre-tax profits in the first six months to September 30 rose 12 per cent to £3.38m, and this means the group is running strongly to top last year's record £6.22m. Second half profits last year were £3.25m. Thus encouraged, the interim dividend is raised from 2.98p to 3.38p. Sales advanced from £9.25m to £11.58m.

Dunhill, in which Rothmans International has a controlling stake, is now firmly committed the tobacco users' market. Early next year it will open a new factory at Skelmersdale, Lancashire, which, it says, will greatly increase the capacity and efficiency of its expanding toiletries business.

Attributable profit is up from £1.37m to £1.51m.

Denmark credit

A syndicated Eurocurrency credit to the Kingdom of Denmark has been increased from $200m to $300m. The seven-year loan bears interest at an average spread of 1.5 points above Interbank rates.

The loan is being jointly managed by Citicorp International Bank, Morgan Guaranty Trust Co and Chase Manhattan. —AP-DJ.

Malakoff reshaping

Under proposals, foreshadowed last month, for the restructuring of Malakoff Rubbe Estates listings on the London, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore Stock Exchanges would be cancelled. There would be applications for quotations for Malakoff Berhad to the Kuala Lumpur and London exchanges.

The proposals have been submitted to the foreign investment and capital issues committees of Malaysia.

UDT held back by dear money

The return to profits of been delayed by higher money costs and the exceptionally low level of the economy, says the group.

Based on management accounts for the first four months of the year to the end of June next the dividend on the 4.5 per cent preference stock, due on December 31, will not be paid on that date. The preference stocks total £2.5m in the capital and the December dividend is £39,000 net.

This dividend and the previous one, also deferred, must be paid before any distribution on the ordinary shares is made. In the absence of profits or distributable reserves the company is not legally able to pay a dividend.

Epicure loss

Epicure Holdings, the restaurant proprietors and wine and spirit merchants, report a loss before tax which has grown from £18,000 to £118,000 over the year to June 30. Turnover was down from £1.4m to £1.24m.

Extraordinary items of £118,000 (£18,000) include a loss on a subsidiary now sold of £44,000. At the attributable level the loss was £112,000 (£26,000).

Venezuelan loans on Euromarkets

The Venezuelan Government Housing Agency is raising $25m on the Euromarket through a six-month credit at one per cent month offered rate.

In addition, an industrial company, Venezolana de Ferroaleaciones Bozel is raising $13m through a five-year credit at 1¼ per cent over Libor, arranged by Credit Lyonnais, to help finance a ferro alloy plant.

The loans could herald a period of heavy external fund raising by Venezuela, OPEC's third largest oil producer, to help finance internal development.—Reuter.

Odex Racasan

Odex Racasan, in hygiene products, maintains interim growth with a 3 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £375,000 in the first six months to September 30. The board says the sales improvement noted at the annual meeting has so far been maintained, and it hopes that full profits will better last year's £720,000.

Sales showed a 15 per cent improvement to £3.52m. The interim is bumped up from 1.49p to 1.69p and the board intends to pay the maximum final allowed.

Interim restored by MK Elec

After charging interest of £201,000 against £153,000, MK Electric Holdings, plugs and socket specialists, reports a 14 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £661,000 in the first half to September 27. Yet sales fell £85,000 to £10.6m. The company has resumed interim dividends with 2.31p.

The company attributes the earnings increase to the "results of the intensive efforts earlier in the year to adapt to present conditions". The board says it does not see an upturn in business in the second half. Earnings a share strengthened from 2.31p to 2.64p.

Foseco Minsep

Foseco Minsep, maker of products for the metallurgical, construction and water treatment industries, reports an advance in both sales and profits for the first nine months to September 30. At the half-way stage the group saw pre-tax profits edge up from £6.12m to £6.75m, with sales higher at £64.1m against £53.3m. The group says the difficult trading conditions of the first half continued into the third quarter.

Sir J Causton dives into the red by £1.6m for year

Printing and stationery group Sir Joseph Causton cannot see a return to profits until 1976-77, even though the rate of loss fell in the second half of the year ended September 30 and an improvement is expected in the current period. There is no dividend, against 2.49p.

Before tax but after a soaring interest charge of £327,000 the year's loss of £587,000 compares with a profit of £223,000. Of the deficit, £251,000 came in the second leg.

The final outcome was a loss of £1.64m. Extraordinary items, debited after the pre-tax, reached £1.39m (against £55,000). They consist of losses of £601,000 in connexion with the French company, the cost of conversion of a foreign currency loan to sterling of £530,000, redundancy and ex gratia payments of £170,000 and compensation for loss of office as directors of £34,000.

A revaluation of freehold factories has thrown up a surplus of £250,000.

WHEWAY WATSON

Sales and pre-tax profits substantially higher at half-year

The results show a substantial advance in sales and pre-tax profits for the first six months of the current financial year compared with the comparable period for the previous year.

There is, however, some 'de-stocking' taking place by users at the present time covering some of our product lines and it is unlikely that profits for the second six month period to 2nd April, 1976 will fully match those for the first six months.

W. Gibson Biggart, Chairman

	27 weeks ended 4.10.1975 £	26 weeks ended 29.9.1974 £	Year ended 30.3.1975 £
Turnover	4,989,315	3,391,275	7,889,397
Profit before tax	431,440	322,226	850,019
Profit after tax	207,440	154,226	394,632
Net Dividend	.275p	.25p	.53149p
Earnings per share	1.57p	1.17p	2.98p

The Interim Dividend of Wheway Watson Holdings Limited will be paid on 6th January, 1976 to shareholders on the share register at the close of business on 5th December, 1975.

MANUFACTURERS OF CHAIN AND MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT

AMPOL PETROLEUM
Turnover for year to Sept 30 rose by 16.9 per cent to $A248m. Profit, after tax, up from $A9.08m to $10.59m. Dividend raised from 5 cents to 5.5 cents (Australian). Board expects maintained profits in current year.

LEE COOPER
On turnover up from £7.5m to £9.21m for half-year to Sept 30 pre-tax profits rose from £296,000 to £311,000. Year's pre-tax profits should certainly not be below last year, reports board. Interim payment, 2.5p gross (single payment of 2.5p gross last time).

SCOTTISH CITIES INV
Chairman reports that value of investment portfolio has considerably improved, and board have been able to write-back provision of £477,766 which was made in the accounts at September 30, 1974, to allow for depreciation of investments below book values at that time.

SEKERS INTERNATIONAL
Turnover for six months to end-September, $2.04m (£1.58m). Trading profit, £77,200 (£110,700). In addition, extraordinary credit of £250,000 before tax (benefit under insurance policy).

HAWKER SIDDELEY CANADA
On revenues up from $229.9m to $268.4m for first nine months net profits rose from $7.07m to $8.4m. —Reuter.

TRUSTS' US LOANS
Scottish Western Investment, Caledonian Trust, Clydesdale Investment and Second Great Northern Investment Trust have negotiated United States dollar-sterling back-to-back loans for a five-year period from November 26 of $4m, $2.5m, $4m and $1.25m respectively.

BANK OF MONTREAL
Balance of revenue for year to October 31, $195.7m. This represents a significant improvement from last year when after-tax balance of revenue reached a low of $56.5m.

UNIGATE
Unigate has sold its head office to Esca Estates. From December 1, head office of Unigate will be at Unigate House, Western Avenue, London.

ROTHSCHILD-HUME
Rothschild Inv Trust have acquired a further 80,000 "A" ordinary shares in Hume Holdings, increasing aggregate holding to 5.5m "A" ordinary and 144,136 "B" (25.1 per cent).

READING YEARLING
Reading Borough Council has raised £2m through the issue of 11½ per cent yearling bonds, at par.

BRUNNING GROUP
Turnover for half-year to end-Sept up from £8.23m to £8.43m. Pre-tax profit, £221,000 (£220,000).

BTR-PERMALI
Permali shareholders are told that share-alternative offer closes at 3.30 pm Nov 28. Cash offer will remain open until further notice.

Hughes Tool

Now listed in London

There have been a considerable number of overseas companies which have come to London for share listings over the past two years, but during the current year the flow has dried to little more than a trickle.

Not that that is especially surprising. British investors wishing to buy shares in overseas incorporated companies—whether they buy those shares through the London or an overseas stock market—can only buy them with officially-designated investment currency, and, what is more, have to surrender 25 per cent of the value of the premium when they liquidate their foreign investment and turn the proceeds back into sterling.

Given the great interest in overseas investment over the past year in view of uncertainty over the future of the British economy and the future of sterling, there has been inevitably a striking demand for investment currency, and it has commanded a high premium over the normal commercial cost of purchasing investment currency. Indeed, the effective premium has been so high recently—at not far short of 70 per cent—that there is now a very strong deterrent to British investors making fresh portfolio investments overseas—unless, as in happening in the cases of some companies overseas, commitments are forcing them to do so.



Mr James R. Lesch, president and chief operating officer of the company.

In that sense, then, there are hardly going to be any short-term benefits in obtaining a London listing for Hughes Tool, the Houston, Texas, company specializing in the manufacture of drilling and related equipment for oilfields, mineral exploration and construction. But, in general, most companies that seek listings for their shares in London are not looking for a sudden rush by local investors to buy their shares. They are more concerned with their longer-term development as international companies.

In the case of Hughes, for example, the group obviously has a considerable market in Europe, particularly as a supplier to companies operating in the North Sea. It also manufactures over here, at its Belfast factory (where it is planning further investment), and reckons that several hundred thousand of its shares are held by European investors.

For many British investors, the immediate association with the company will be the name of the legendary, mystical Howard Hughes. Although the company was, in fact, founded by the Hughes family back in 1909, Howard Hughes sold out in 1972.

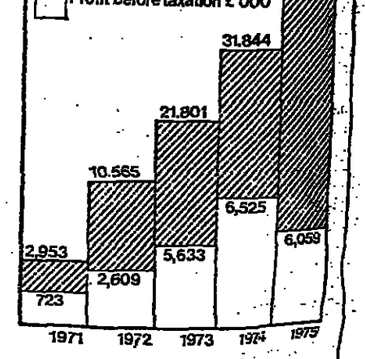
As luck would have it, the timing of the sale was not, perhaps, as good as it might have been, coming as it did only a matter of months before OPEC was to send a shiver down the spine of world industry and give huge momentum to the search for new sources of oil.

John Whitmore

SUSTAINED GROWTH ON A SOUND FOUNDATION

Financial Highlights for year ended 30th June 1975.

	1975 £'000	1974 £'000
Turnover	44,593	31,844
Profit before taxation	6,059	6,525
Profit after taxation	2,287	3,038
Earnings per share	17.8p	20.1p
Dividend cover	2.4	5.7



- The group built more houses and completed more contracts than in any previous year. The number of houses sold and completed was 4,250, an increase of 35% notwithstanding a major downturn in the private housing sector, consolidating our position as Britain's second largest house builder.
- Advantage has been taken of the favourable opportunities which existed to strengthen further the land stocks.
- Bank borrowings were reduced by almost £5m and we have available unused facilities of over £10m.
- As forecast at the time of the Rights Issue a final dividend of 4.72855p per share is proposed, making a total for the year of 6.0p per share, against 3.94p per share last year.
- Confidence in the future remains unimpaired. Forward house sales and contracting orders are at record levels.

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[F]INANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

[N]o early check to decline in Cope [A]llman's profits expected

[P]rofits for the current year [at] Cope Allman International [are] unlikely to exceed the [£…]1m achieved in the year [ende]d June 30 (which itself [was] down on the record £8.15m [in] 1973-74). Mr L. Manson, [chai]rman, says in his annual [rev]iew.

[It] is clear that first-half [prof]its will be lower than not [only] the same period last year, [but] also on the second half of [that] year. A positive upturn in [dem]and is needed in the first [half] of 1976—particularly in [Cont]inental Europe—to generate the sales required to match [last] year's profits, Mr Manson [says].

[St]ringent financial control [will] be exercised but many [factor]s are outside the board's [cont]rol and will continue to [be so] with inflation, while many [pric]es are held down by con[trols].

[M]r Manson can make no forecast for the full year, but says the group has a firm base [for] future growth and profits.

the first as in previous years. Meanwhile the dividend goes up from 1.71p to 1.94p.

Last time total profits of £1.52m were made up of £587,000 in the first six months and £933,000 in the second.

Record year likely for J. W. Spear

With its peak selling period still to come, J. W. Spear (games and toys) reports a 49 per cent spurt in pre-tax profits to £712,000 for the first six months to June 30. This puts the company well on course towards bettering last year's record of £1.28m. Sales rose from £1.69m to £2.29m.

Mr J. R. Spear, chairman, expects "satisfactory" results for the second half—£803,000 last year—and for the full year. The interim dividend is raised from 0.73p to 0.80p and the board predicts a final dividend of about 1.51p.

Solid advance by Brickhouse Dudley

A sound improvement in both manufacturing and merchanting enabled Brickhouse Dudley, the country's biggest maker of manhole covers, to edge up taxable profits 5 per cent to a record £750,000 over the six months to September 30. Sales rose by £2m to £8.1m with exports continuing to grow.

There is no forecast for the 12 months but the directors are confident of steady expansion in the longer term. The dividend is 0.97p (0.88p).

Comben holds its own

Bristol-based Comben Group, in housebuilding, has managed to hold its own at the interim stage. Pre-tax profits for the first half to September 30 edged up from £705,000 to £709,000, though turnover rose 29 per cent to £6.30m.

The board says margin reductions reflect the continuing difficulties of the house building sector, but conditions now appear a little "firmer". It expects second half results to follow the pattern of the first half. The interim is maintained at 0.67p.

Into Anglia's fold

The Anglia Building Society, with assets now approaching £500m, is to acquire the holdings of two small societies. Merger plans are in hand with the Berkhamsted (assets of £1m) and a relatively new society, the Northamptonshire Foresters' (£60,000).

Suntory stake in Glenlivet

While it has no intention of acquiring control of Glenlivet Distillers, Suntory has acquired a 10 per cent stake. The shares were bought to maintain friendly relations with Glenlivet and were acquired with the understanding of Glenlivet, which has other large shareholders. Suntory is a distributing agent for Glenlivet in Japan.

Patino slumps again in third quarter

The dismal performance of Patiño, the Netherlands-based international mining company, in the first half was continued in the third quarter, when pre-tax profits slumped from C$10.2m to C$2.3m to leave the nine-month period down from C$38.6m to C$9.6m.

Revenue continued its downward trend with the third quarter stumping up C$416m as against C$531m. At the "attributable", profits for this period were down from C$3.3m to C$368,000, leaving the nine-month total at C$2.2m as against C$19.5.

Pruning at Gilgate

The reliance of Gilgate Holdings, upon short-term borrowings will be significantly reduced by measures now in hand. Mr T. Parrett, the chairman, says that the measures should also improve liquidity and additionally contribute to profitability.

MINET HOLDINGS
Acceptances in respect of the recent rights issue were 15,283,601 shares (97.2 per cent).

BAKER PERKINS
Baker Perkins announce that Slater, Walker, its subs and inv trusts no longer have a 10 per cent interest in the co. This does not constitute a disclosure under the Companies Act.

THOS W. WARD
Thos W. Ward have sold Chain Annealing Company to Coubro & Scrutton (Holdings) for £260,000.

[FP]E may get offer

[F]PE Group, the old Fruit & [Pro]duce Exchange of Great [Brit]ain, has received proposals [from] a "listed public com[pan]y" which could lead to a [sha]re exchange offer being [ma]de. The shares of FPE, capi[tali]zed at around £190,000, have [bee]n suspended at the com[pan]y's request pending a further [ann]ouncement.

[N]o Fitzroy payout

[T]here are signs of an im[pro]vement in trading which [co]uld result in a return to [pro]fits at Fitzroy Investments, [For] the year to June 30 has [en]ded with a loss of £442,000, [ag]ainst a pre-tax profit of [£…]000. At half time, a profit [of] £30,000 was turned into a [los]s of £269,000.

[T]here is no dividend, against [a] first and final payment of 4p.

[B]oosey & Hawkes [st]arts with flourish

[R]eporting half-time profits up […]per cent to £733,000 before [tax], Boosey & Hawkes, music [pu]blishers and instrument [ma]kers, say the indications are [th]at the second half "will not [be]ar the same relationship" to

Worst yet quarter for BASF

Unveiling a daunting 52 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to DM536m (£101m) in the first nine months of the year, Herr Matthias Seefelder, chairman of the giant German chemical combine, BASF, said the group would not be able to match last year's dividend of DM8.50.

He explained that the poor business conditions that had faced the company for almost a year, also led to an 11.6 per cent decline in sales to DM13,144m.

On a quarterly comparison with last year, profits fell 38.5 per cent in the first quarter, 48.7 per cent in the second quarter and 70.0 per cent in the third. On the same basis, sales fell 8.7 per cent in the first quarter, 12.2 per cent in the second, and 13.6 per cent in the third.

Herr Seefelder expects that worldwide sales will lose 15 per cent in the full year—the upper limit of the range he estimated earlier in the year. While he was not "totally pessimistic" about the outcome of the fourth quarter, he did not expect a major turn round.

Although orders had improved slightly since early September, they were way below results of previous years and "quite unsatisfactory".—AP-DJ.

Pancontinental is not a new Poseidon

Pancontinental an Australian mining company has performed spectacularly this year the shares coming up from a low of 230p to yesterday's closing price of 920p, after having touched 950p before profit taking trimmed the sails. The really big spurt has come over the last week, with the shares putting on 195p.

The shares have risen on the back of increasingly builish forecasts for the future of uranium, but the real impetus was sparked off by Pancontinental's announcement that it was to upgrade ore reserves and had also located viable gold deposits at the Jabiluka site in Australia's Northern Territory.

The price rise over the last week has, unfortunately, caused some people to start talking about the "new Poseidon". At best this is misleading, at worst it is inviting investors to get their fingers burnt. As one seasoned watcher of the Australian scene said: "In so far as there is any connexion with Poseidon, the shares may go way up, but sure as hell they will sink like Poseidon."

The new wave of buying in Pancontinental has been centred on London and as the interest has mounted so the Americans have started coming in on the scene. The stock has also acted as a magnet for speculators.

For the ordinary investor, Pancontinental is a share for the future and—at the moment—a very hazy future it is, although ultimately it will be a profitable venture. But the degree of profitability is questionable.

Jabiluka, in which Pancontinental has a 63 per cent stake with Getty Oil holding the remainder. is likely to start production in 1981, reaching full production the following year, with positive earnings following some time later. There are unlikely to be any dividend declarations before 1983 or 1984.

Mining

At the moment there is a government ban on the export of uranium, but that is likely to be lifted before long. However, long before Jabiluka gets into production the Ez-Peko Wallsend Ranger project will get under way. On top of that, the Government is likely to extract heavy royalties when Jabiluka starts up while the aborigines, who claim some of the mine's land, are likely to be bought off with a further royalty payment.

These are not particularly bearish factors, merely cautionary notes on Pancontinental.

The upgrading of reserves and the presence of gold are largely irrelevant. Known reserves already stand at 115,200 short tons of U308—enough for 20 years solid production. The outlook beyond 20 years is largely academic. In addition, the gold, while being useful, is by no means the cream on the cake—more like the top of the milk.

A leading London uranium analyst suggests that the topside of the Pancontinental shares is probably £10, unless the bandwagon gets out of control. For the ordinary investor this is definitely a share to avoid (or to sell) at its current price: there is a very narrow market for the shares and the big speculators are in in a very heavy way.

Fresh delay in lifting Rustenburg output

Continuing low prices and demand for platinum have forced Rustenburg once again to postpone expanding production capacity.

Current capacity is about 1.4m ounces, and the annual report says that plans to lift this to 1.63m ounces have been deferred to the latter half of 1978. At the end of 1974 this target was deferred to 1977.

The company, part of "Johnnies" group, proposes a capital expenditure of R12m during the current year.

Meanwhile, the annual report of Union Platinum shows that at the end of October JCI and its subsidiaries had built up a 15 per cent stake. The identities of the people behind Amosite Nominees, which owns a further 25 per cent, have still not been disclosed.

Bigger Nchanga loss

Zambia's already notorious copper problems are further highlighted by more heavy losses in the second quarter to the end of September, carried by Nchanga Consolidated.

Sales revenue fell to K63.8m (£43.3m), but the cost of sales rose to K77.3m in the second quarter. Total pre-tax losses for the second three months rose to K16.5m making a total of K24.9m for the first half compared with a profit of £113.8m last year.

Endeavour-Amax

Endeavour Oil is negotiating with Amax Exploration (Australia) for a 15 per cent participation in a combined Digger Rocks and Cosmic Boy venture, Mr E. A. Webb, chairman of Endeavour, told the annual meeting. Currently Amax entirely owns Cosmic and has 70 per cent of Digger with Endeavour holding the remaining 30 per cent.

Meanwhile, the nickel price will be crucial for the survival of the Greenvale nickel-cobalt venture, Metals Exploration's chairman told his shareholders.

Desmond Quigley

Business appointments

Tate & Lyle names two new directors

Mr Roger Foden and Mr Richard Cave have been appointed directors of Tate & Lyle. Mr J. E. Hobbs retires from the board on January 1 and Mr J. E. Wright will succeed Mr Foden as company secretary.

Mr A. E. Watts has become a director of NFU Mutual and Avon Insurance.

Mr Ronnie Aitken has joined the group board of Barker & Dobson as deputy chairman.

Miss Mary Dunhill will retire as chairman of the board of Alfred Dunhill on December 31, but will remain a director and become president. Mr Richard Dunhill who is deputy chairman will succeed Miss Dunhill as chairman.

Mr Denis R. Sanan has been appointed a director of Gillette Industries.

Mr S. P. Wareing has resigned from the board of Consolidated Plantations.

Mr D. L. Gibson has been named to the board of Avon Rubber Co.

Mr A. R. Wood has resigned from the board of United Glass.

Mr John R. Wilson has been appointed company secretary of Anderson Jacobson.

The new executive controller of A. and O. International is Mr Matthew Forrest, the former chairman. The new chairman is Mr David Macdonald.

Mr Manuel Macedo has been appointed managing director and joint chief executive of Irish Board Mills.

Herr J. M. Hubrich becomes vice-chairman of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in succession to Dr D. F. Kunkel.

The following have been named directors of Minter International: chairman, Mr R. H. Minter; chief executives, Mr Allan Dodd, Mr K. C. Marston, Mr R. S. T. Ager, Mr W. P. Allen, Mr M. St C. Baird, Mr J. Minihane and Mr M. S. T. Waite.

Mr Reg Willans has been appointed executive director of ARC Construction.

John I. Jacobs confirms tanker sale for $15m

As predicted in *The Times* last week John I. Jacobs has sold its 1975-built tanker Teakwood (139,000 tons dw) to Algerian interests for $15m. Delivery is expected next week.

Further, the 25,000-ton Laurelwood was recently sold to Mobil Shipping & Transportation "at a price sufficient to cover her book value". The sale brings to an end a "most unfavourable" long-term charter.

The shares, depressed of late because of lack of confirmation of the sales, firmed 2½p to close at 19p.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bristol 13¼% 1981 (£99¼)	[illegible]
Coventry 13¼% 1980 (£99¾)	[illegible]
Flanderand Gold 20c (R5)	[illegible]
EssexWtr 9% Pf(£…)	[illegible]
Haslemere Est 9½% Cnv (£100)	[illegible]
Islington 13¼% 1980 (£100)	[illegible]
Do 14% 85-86 (£100)	[illegible]
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf (…)	£99¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Berry Wiggins (35)	Jan 7	2½ prem
Brit Home Strs (235)	..	6 prem
Copper-Neill (22)	..	2½ prem
Charles D (10)	Jan 9	9 prem
Fenner Hldgs (90)	..	1½ prem
Harrison Cros (675)	Jan 7	125 prem
Ibstock (60)	Jan 5	4 prem
Kwik Save (10)	Jan 16	150 prem
Nat Bnk Aust (A$1.5)	..	240 prem
Pentos (19)	..	15 prem
Watson and Philip (20)	..	50 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

BRADY INDUSTRIES
Although turnover rose from £7.12m to £7.61m in half-year to end-September, pre-tax profits fell from £365,000 to £309,000.

Wall Street

[N]ew York, Nov 26.—Stocks [chalk]ing up a moderate gain today, [w]ith trading fairly active. The [D]ow Jones industrial average [c]limbed 3.15 points to 858.55.

Brokers generally attributed [th]e gain to hopes that the New [Y]ork State legislature's tax [p]rogramme would save the city [fr]om default. President Ford [w]as to make a statement on [fe]deral aid for the city later in [th]e day.

[S]ilver rallies sharply

New York, Nov 26.—COMEX SILVER [fut]ures rallied sharply from losses of [mo]re than 5.00c to close 0.50 to 0.80c [hig]her on short covering in front of [tom]orrow's Thanksgiving holiday. Sales [we]re estimated at 52,114. NY COMEX.—Dec. 435.10c: Jan. 436.50c: Feb. [43]8.90c: March, 432.40c: May, [4]…50c: July, 446.60c: Sept. 453.70c: [Dec,] 464.20c: Jan, 467.10c: March, [47]1.80c. Handy & Harman 431.00c [(p)revious 427.00c): Handy & Harman [of] Canada, Canadian $4.265 (4.328).

[GO]LD.—Futures moved moderately [lo]wer in active trading. Comex prices [cl]osed nearby December and January [of]f $0.70 and all other contracts $0.80 [lo]wer. IMM prices eased $0.75 to $1.10 [wi]th Estimated Comex volume 5,955. [IM]M volume was estimated at 2,150. [N]Y COMEX.—Dec. $139.60: Jan. [$1]40.40: Feb. $141.10: April, $142.90: [Ju]ne, $144.80: Aug. $146.70: Oct. [$1]48.70: Dec. $150.70: Feb. $152.70: [Ap]ril, $154.70. CHICAGO IMM.—[De]c. $139.70-139.60: March, $141.80-[14]2.10: June, $144.90 asked: Sept. [$]147.90 asked: Dec. $150.90 asked: [M]arch, $154.90 asked.

[C]OPPER.—Steady, 1,381 estimated [sa]les.—Dec. 53.20c: Jan. 53.60c: Feb. [5]…10c. March, 54.70c: May, 55.80c: [J]uly, 56.90c: Sept. 57.90c: Dec. [5]…20c: Jan, 59.60c.

[S]UGAR.—World futures were in a pre-[hol]iday mood with final prices 0.02c [lo]wer to 0.12c higher. Spot, 15.00c, [u]p 0.20c. Jan. 13.13c nominal: [M]arch, 13.27-13.29c: May, 13.34-[13.]36c: July, 13.37-13.50c: Sept. [13.]38-13.40c: Oct. 13.38-13.41c: [M]arch, 13.…-13.45c.

[C]OCOA.—Barely steady with 468 esti[m]ated sales.—Dec. 58.52c: March. [5]…00c: May. 53.05c: July, 51.47c. [Se]pt. 51.09c: Dec. 50.50c: March. [5]…70c. Spots: Ghana 69: Bahia 60.

[C]OFFEE.—Futures finished a dull ses[sio]n quietly steady with gains of 0.10 [to] 0.90c. Final sales were a poor 399 [lo]ts. Dec. 77.75-78.00c: March. 78.50-[78.]25c: May. 79.00-79.05c. July. [7]…00-80.06c: Sept. 80.60-80.96c.

[C]OTTON.—Dec. 56.50c: March, 58.75-[5]…84c: May. 59.40-59.60c: July. [5]…75-59.80c: Oct. 58.45-58.50c: Dec. [5]…15-57.29c: March. 57.60c bid: May. [5]…70c bid.

[W]OOL.—Fine wool and crossbred [f]utures were again tradeless. Closing [bi]ds in both contracts ranged from [u]nchanged to 0.10c down on the day. [G]REASE WOOL.—Spot 158.0c nominal. [D]ec. 153.1-163.0c: March. 154.1-[1]…0c: May. 153.1-158.0c: July. [15]…1-155.0c: Oct. 149.1-155.0c: Dec. [14]8.5-155.0c: March. 150.0-156.5c. [C]ROSSBRED.—Spot. 89.0c nominal. [D]ec. 87.1-92.0c: March. 87.1-92.0c: May. 87.1-92.0c: July. 87.1-90.0c: [O]ct. 82.0-90.0c: Dec. 80.0-90.0c: [M]arch. 80.0c bid.

[C]HICAGO SOYABEANS.—Futures [j]umped in the final 15 minutes to close [o]n their highs with gains of 4¼ to […]c a bushel. Meal was strong and [o]il weak.

[S]OYABEANS.—Jan. 488½-497c: March. [4]…6-497c: May. 503-504½c: July. [5]…10c: Aug. 512c: Sept. 515c: Nov. [5]…: Jan. 527c.

[S]OYABEAN MEAL.—Dec. $136.50-[13]…80: Jan. $137.50-137.80: March. [$1]38.30-139.00. SOYABEAN MEAL [(N)EW).—March. $133.50-134.00: [Ma]y. $137.00: July, $139.50-140.00: Aug. $141.50-142.00: Sept. $142.50-[14]3.50: Oct. $142.50-145.50. [S]OYABEAN OIL.—Dec. 16.95-16.75c: [Ja]n. 16.95-16.90c: March. 17.05-17.01c: May. 17.20c: July. 17.50c: Aug. 17.30c: Sept. 17.55c: Oct. 17.25-1…0c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed [ste]ady. Dec. 357¼-358c: March. 3…-361c: May. 365½-366c: July 3…-355c: Sept. 368½-369c. MAIZE closed firm. Dec. 273-273½c: March. 331-281½c: May. 280-280½c: July. 28…: Sept. 280c. Dec. 269¼c: March. 276¼c. OATS closed firm. Dec. 162-161c: March. 160¼-160c: May. 150c: July. 149c.

	Nov 25	Nov 24
Allied Chem	39½	34¼
Allied Stores	46¾	46¾
Allied Supermkt	3⅝	3⅝
Allis Chalmers	11¾	11¾
Alcoa	35¾	35¾
Amax Inc	44¾	43¾
Amerada Hess	16¼	15¾
Am Airlines	8¾	8¾
Am Brands	36⅞	36⅞
Am Broadcast	20½	20½
Am Can	31¾	31¾
Am Cyanamid	26¼	26
Am Elec Power	21½	21½
Am Home	37½	[illegible]
Am Motors	6	5¾
Am Nat Gas	33¾	33¾
Am Standard	16¼	16⅛
Am Telephone	50⅜	50½
AMF Inc	20¼	20¼
Anaconda	17	17
Armco Steel	25⅝	25⅝
Asarco	13¾	13¾
Ashland Oil	19½	19½
Atlantic Richfield	91¼	90¾
Arco	4¾	4½
Avon Prod	45⅝	45⅝
Babcock & Wcox	20	19¾
Bankers Tst NY	30⅜	28⅞
Bank of America	41½b	41¾b
Bank of NY	27½	27½
Beatrice Foods	24¾	24¾
Bell & Howell	17	17½
Bendix	42	42¾
Bethlehem Steel	33⅝	33⅝
Boeing	24¾	24¾
Boise Cascade	29½	29⅝
Borden	27	26¾
Borg Warner	20⅜	20⅜
Bristol Myers	73⅝	73⅝
BP	11½	11⅝
Budd	8⅝	8¾
Burlington Ind	29	29¼
Burlington Nthn	31¾	31¾
Burroughs	83¾	83½
Campbell Soup	32½	33¾
Canadian Pacific	14	13¾
Caterpillar	68½	68¾
Celanese	43¾	43¾
Central Soya	18	18½
Charter NY	21⅜	21½
Chase Manhat	27⅞	27
Chem Bnk NY	31¼	30¾
Chesapeake Ohio	31¾	31
Chrysler	10⅝	10
Citicorp	29¼	29⅛
Cities Service	35⅝	38
Clark Equip	25⅝	25½
Coca Cola	87¼	87⅞
Colgate	28⅝	27⅞
CBS	48⅝	48½
Columbia Gas	23¾	23¾
Combustion Eng	34½	34⅝
Comwlth Edison	30⅝	30⅞
Cons Edison	13⅝	13⅝
Cons Foods	19½	19½
Cons Power	18⅜	18⅛
Continental Can	28⅞	28⅞
Continental Oil	59¾	59¾
Control Data	19⅞	19¾
Corning Glass	45⅞	45⅞
CPC Intnl	43⅞	43¾
Crane	46	44¾
Crocker Int	21⅞	22⅛
Crown Zeller	35⅝	35⅞
Dart Ind	27¾	26⅞
Deere	50⅜	49⅝
Del Monte	24⅝	24⅞
Delta Air	35½	35⅞
Detroit Edison	14	14¼
Disney	52	53
Dow Chemical	90⅜	91⅝
Dresser Ind	58⅜	58¾
Duke Power	18⅝	18½
Du Pont	130	130
Eastern Air	4¼	4¼
East Kodak	107¾	107⅞
Eaton Corp	29½	29⅞
El Paso Nat Gas	11¼	11⅝
Equitable Life	17	16⅝
Esmark	31¾	31½
Evans P. D.	4⅝	4¾
Exxon Corp	86⅝	86
Fed Dept Stores	53¾	52⅞
Firestone	22⅛	22½
Fst Chicago	18⅝	18½
Fst Nat Boston	21½	21¾
Fst Penn Corp	15	16⅛
Ford	42⅞	42⅞
GAF Corp.	11¼	10⅞
Gamble Skogmo	25⅜	25½
Gen Dynamics	40	39⅞
Gen Electric	47⅞	48⅛
Gen Foods	28	28¼
Gen Instrument	8	8
Gen Mills	29⅝	29⅜
Gen Motors	58⅞	56⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	16½	16⅝
Gen Tel Elec	25⅝	25⅜
Gen Tire	19⅛	18⅝
Genesco	5⅛	5½
Getty Oil	161	160¾
Gillette	33⅞	33
Goodrich	17⅞	16⅞
Goodyear	22⅞	22½
Gould Inc	25⅜	25⅛
Grace	25⅝	24⅞
Gt Atlan & Pacific	10⅜	10⅛
Greyhound	14	13⅝
Grumman Corp	14¼	14⅛
Gulf Oil	20⅛	21
Gulf & West	22¾	21¾
Heinz H. J.	37⅝	37⅛
Hercules	22¾	22¾
Honeywell	34½	34⅞
IC Inds	16⅛	16¾
Ingersoll	70⅝	68⅞
Inland Steel	38¾	38¼
IBM	225	224⅞
Int Harvester	23¾	23⅝
Int Nickel	25⅞	25⅞
Int Paper	56⅛	54⅝
Int Tel Tel	22	22⅝
Jewel Co	20⅞	20
Jim Walter	33⅝	34
Johns-Manville	21⅞	22
Johnson & John	94¾	93⅝
Kaiser Alum	26⅛	26¾
Kennecott	29⅝	28⅞
Kerr McGee	70⅝	68⅝
Kimberly Clark	36⅝	36
Kraftco Corp	40½	40⅝
Kresge SS	34¼	34
Kroger	17½	17¼
Ligg Myer	29	28¾
LTV	10	10⅜
Litton	6⅞	6⅞
Lockheed	7⅛	7⅛
Lucky Stores	16⅛	15⅞
Manuf Hanover	28⅞	28½
Mapco	32¾	34⅝
Marathon Oil	44⅝	44⅛
Marcor Inc	23¼	28¾
Marine Midland	11⅝	11⅞
Martin Marietta	16⅞	16⅞
McDonnell	15⅞	15¾
Mead	17½	17⅞
Merck	79	79¼
Minnesota Mng	61⅝	61¼
Mobil Oil	45⅞	45⅞
Monsanto	74	74½
Morgan J. P.	51⅝	51⅝
Motorola	42⅞	42½
NCR Corp	25	25¼
NL Industries	13⅞	13⅞
Nabisco	38⅝	38⅞
Nat Distillers	16	16
Nat Steel	36⅝	36⅞
Norfolk West	64½	65
NW Bancorp	45⅜	45½
Norton Simon	22⅞	23
Occidental Pet	14½	14⅝
Ogden	16	15⅞
Olin Corp	30⅝	30⅞
Otis Elev	35⅝	36⅝
Owens-Illinois	50⅝	50⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	21	21¼
Pan Am	5⅛	5¼
Penn Central	1⅝	1¼
Penney J. C.	51⅞	52⅞
Pennzoil	19⅞	19
Pepsico	71	71
Pet Inc	25¾e	25⅞
Pfizer	25⅛	25⅜
Phelps Dodge	33	33¾
Philip Morris	56	55⅝
Phillips Petrol	53⅞	53
Polaroid	36⅜	36⅝
PPG Ind	34⅛	34⅛
Proctor Gamble	93¾	93¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	18⅛	18¾
Pullman	28	27
Rapid American	5½	5½
Raytheon	46¾	46
RCA Corp	19⅞	19⅝
Republic Steel	27⅝	27⅝
Reynolds Ind	58½	58¼
Reynolds Metal	31⅝	31⅞
Rockwell Int	23⅞	23⅞
Royal Dutch	37	36¾
Safeways	43⅝	43½
St Regis Paper	33⅝	33¾
Santa Fe Ind	29⅞	29½
SCM	11⅞	11½
Schlumberger	68⅞	68¾
Scott Paper	14⅝	14¾
Seaboard Coast	29⅞	28⅝
Sears Roebuck	72⅞	72⅞
Shell Oil	47¾	47¾
Shell Trans	30	30⅛
Signal Co	14⅞	14⅞
Singer	10⅛	10
Sony	10⅛	10⅛
Sth Cal Edison	19⅞	19⅝
Southern Pacific	28⅞	29¼e
Southern Rly	51⅞	51⅝
Sperry Rand	41⅞	41⅞
Squibb	37½	37½
Std Brands	38⅞	35
Std Oil California	28	28⅜
Std Oil Indiana	43½	43½
Std Oil Ohio	70⅛	69⅞
Sterling Drug	20⅝	19⅞
Stevens J. P.	17⅞	17⅛
Stude Worth	40	39⅞
Sunbeam Corp	21⅝	21⅛
Sundstrand	15⅜	15⅝
Sun Oil	39¾	39½
Teledyne	31½	30⅞
Tenneco	25¾	25⅞
Texaco	23⅛	23⅞
Texas East Trans	29⅝	29⅝
Texas Inst	94⅞	94⅝
Texas Utilities	19⅝	19⅝
Textron	22⅞	22⅞
TWA	7⅛	7⅛
Travelers Corp	25½	24⅞
TRW Inc	26	26½
UAL Inc	26	25¾
Unilever Ltd	34⅝	34⅝
Unilever NV	43¾	43¾e
Unionamerica	1⅞	1⅝
Union Bancorp	8½	8¾
Union Carbide	59	59
Union Oil Calif	42½	41½
Un Pacific Corp	74¼	74¾
Uniroyal	8⅛	8⅛
United Brands	5	5
Utd Merch & Man	14⅛	14¼
US Industries	3⅞	3⅞
US Steel	62⅞	61
Utd Technol	49½	48½
Wachovia	17⅞	17¼
Warner Comm	18	18
Warner Lambert	36	35½
Wells Fargo	15	14⅞
West'n Bancorp	18⅛	17¾
Westinghse Elec	12⅞	12½
Weyerhauser	38	38⅞
Whirlpool	26	25⅞
White Motor	5⅞	5⅞
Woolworth	22⅝	21⅞
Xerox Corp	51⅜	51⅞
Zenith	25⅝	25

Canadian Prices

	Nov 25	Nov 24
Abitibi	9¼	9½
Alcan Alumin	21⅞	21½
Algoma Steel	25¾	25¾
Bell Telephone	44	44
Cominco	33¾	35⅞
Cons Bathurst	26¾	26½
Falconbridge	28⅛	29
Gulf Oil	23½	23½
Hawker/Sid Can	6.50	6.50
Hudson Bay Min	17½	17¼
Hudson Bay Oil	36	35½
Imasco	27⅞	27½
Imperial Oil	24⅞	24⅝
Int Pipe	12	11⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	19⅝	20
Royal Trust	20⅝	20⅝
Seagram	29¾	30
Steel Co	27½	28⅝
Walker Hiram	39⅛	39¾
WCT	23¼	22⅞

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0515 ($2.0760); three months, $2.0072 ($2.0130); Canadian dollar, 98.86c (98.86c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index rose 1.36 to 391.81. The futures index was 382.21.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 858.55 (855.40); transportation, 169.00 (168.59); utilities, 83.17 (82.95); 65 stocks, 261.27 (260.06). New York Stock Exchange index, 48.09 (47.96): industrials, 53.41 (53.24): transportation, 33.30 (33.19): utilities, 33.34 (33.31): financial, 45.34 (45.35).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10½ 1981 ..	103½	104½
Air France 9¼ 1983 ..	101¼	103½
Airlease 8¼ 1988 ..	86	89
ARDB 9¼ 1980 ..	99½	100½
Ashland 8 1987 ..	89½	90½
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	100	101
BFCE 9 1982 ..	101	102
Broken Hill Prop 9¼ 1981 ..	101	102
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 ..	85	88
Burlington 7¾ 1987 ..	89½	90½
Carrier 8 1987 ..	88	89
CECA 8¾ 1988 ..	99	100
Chevron 7 1980 ..	97½	99
Conoco 7 1980 ..	97	98½
Conoco 8 1986 ..	95½	96½
Cons Foods 7½ 1991 ..	84½	87½
CSR 9½ 1980 ..	100	101
Cumecao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	91	93
Cumecao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102	103
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91	92½
Dana 8 1987 ..	90	91
Denmark Kingdom 7¼ 1990 ..	83½	84½
EEC 9¼ 1990 ..	101½	102½
EIB 9 1990 ..	101	103
EIB 9¼ 1985 ..	100¼	101½
Escom [illegible] 1988	91	92
Escom 10¼ 1985	99¼	100½
Escom Floating Rate 1980	97	98
First Chicago 7 1980	94	96
GATX 8½ 1987 ..	98	99
Gould 9¾ 1985	99½	100½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	77	80
Gulf and Western 9¾ 1980 ..	102	103
ICI 7¾ 1992	75	86
International Coal 8¾ 1982 ..	96	97

	Bid	Offer
Motorola 8 1987 ..	93½	93½
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1988	86	88
New Zealand 9 1980 ..	101¼	102¼
New Zealand 9¼ 1983 ..	101½	102½
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ '80	102½	103½
Nippon Steel 9½ 1980 ..	99½	100½
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987 ..	89	90
Occidental 10 1981 ..	98½	99½
Ontario Hydro 9 1980 ..	100½	101½
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	87	90
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	102½	103½
Pennwalt 8 1987 ..	91½	92½
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	91	93
Scanraff 7½ 1990 ..	89½	90½
Scanraff 8¾ 1988 ..	96	97
Shell 7½ 1987 ..	91½	92½
Singer 11 1977 ..	98	100
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103	104
Standard Oil 8½ 1980 ..	101	102
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 ..	98	99
Standard Oil 8½ 1988 ..	99	100
Statsgoretag 9¼ 1980 ..	100	101
Sybron 8 1987 ..	90	91
Tenneco 7¾ 1987 ..	86	87
Textron 7¾ 1987 ..	85½	86½
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1980	96	97½
Union Oil 7½ 1987 ..	91½	92½
Williams & Glyn's 8½ '87 ..	79	82
DM BONDS		
CFP 8½ 1985 ..	99½	100½
Denmark 9¼ 1989 ..	100	101
ICI 8½ 1982 ..	98½	99½
Mexico 9 1982 ..	99	100
Nat Westminster 9 1989	93	93
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¾ 1983 ..	98	99
Sun Int Fin 7½ 1985 ..	91	92
AMF 5 1987 ..	64	66
American Express 4¼ 1987 ..	82	84

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	98	100
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	111	113
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1993	105	107
Borden 6 1992 ..	95	97
Borden 6¾ 1991 ..	104	106
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	78	80
Carnation 4 1988 ..	64½	66½
Chevron 5 1992 ..	99	101
Cummins 6¾ 1986 ..	77	79
Dart 4¾ 1987 ..	83	85
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	101	103
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	81	83
Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985 ..	130	132
Ford 5 1988 ..	79	81
Ford 6 1986 ..	86½	88½
Gillette 4¾ 1987 ..	77½	79½
Gould 5 1987 ..	87	89
General Electric 4¼ 1987	85	88
Gulf and Western 5 1988	86	88
Harris 5 1987 ..	70	72
Honeywell 6 1986 ..	79	87
ITT 4½ 1987 ..	68	70
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 ..	114	116
J P Morgan 4¼ 1987 ..	102½	104½
Nabisco 5¼ 1988 ..	95½	97½
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	89	91
J C Penney 4½ 1987 ..	78	80
Revlon 4¾ 1987 ..	99	101
Rank Org 4¼ 1993 ..	43	45
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988 ..	95½	97½
Squibb 4¼ 1987 ..	87	89
Texaco 4½ 1988 ..	77	79
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	102½	103½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	94½	96½
Xerox Corp 5 1988 ..	73	75

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

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10	261.40	568.68	929.89	1354.48	1853.59
20	522.81	1137.37	1859.78	2708.97	3707.18
40	1045.62	2274.74	3719.56	5417.93	7414.36

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COPPER was fractionally easier.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £560-60.50 a metric ton; three months, £585-85.50. Sales, 2,275 tons. Cash cathodes, £552-53; three months, £571.50-72.50. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £563.50-64; three months, £585.50-84. Settlement, £564. Sales, 3,150 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £551.50-52.00; three months, £571-71.50. Settlement, £552. Sales, 1,400 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER. Dealings were modest and there was a drop of about 4p on all three LME positions.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 208.55p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 424.5); three months, 214.75p (431.8c); six months, 221.35p (440.3c); one-year, 234.75p (459.4c).

London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 206.3-06.4p; three months, 212.6-12.7p; seven months, 221.3-21.7p. Sales, 113 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 208.2-08.4p; three months, 214.4-14.5p; seven months, 223-23.5p. Settlement, 208.4p. Sales, 68 lots.

TIN fell by £12 for standard cash and £3 for three months. Some profit taking found buyers unreceptive. Fresh outside demand in Europe was quiet.—Afternoon:—Standard cash, £3,060-63 a metric ton; three months, £3,124-26. Sales, 85 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,060-62; three months, £3,124-26. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,060-65; three months, £3,120-25. Settlement, £3,065. Sales, 140 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,060-65; three months, £3,120-25. Settlement, £3,065. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM960 a picul.

LEAD was quietly steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £162.50-62.75 a metric ton; three months, £169.50-70.00. Sales, 1,075 tons. Morning.—Cash, £162.25-62.50; three months, £169.50-69.75. Settlement, £162.50. Sales, 3,350 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC was slightly easier, cash dropping £2.50 and three months nearly £3.—Afternoon.—Cash, £335-35.50 a metric ton; three months, £347.50-48. Sales, 850 tons. Morning.—Cash, £336.50-36.00; three months, £348-48.50. Settlement, £336. Sales, 4,175 tons (mainly carries). Producers' price, £390 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was unchanged at £71.40 ($146) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was about steady.—Jan, 33.75-34.95p per kilo; Feb, 35.10-35.40n; Jan-March, 35.50-35.55p; April-June, 37-37.10p; July-Sept, 38.05-38.10p; Oct-Dec, 39.15-39.20p; Jan-March, 40.25-40.30p; April-June, 41.30-41.50p; July-Sept, 41.75-41.90p. Sales: 136 lots at 15 tonnes including 2 options.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 33.00-33.50; Cifs, Jan, 32.40-32.50; Feb, 32.75-33.25.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures firmed on the better prospects of an international coffee agreement. Spot put on £7 and the January position put on £11.

ROBUSTAS.—Nov, £718-724 per metric ton; Jan, £718-719; March, £715-717; May, £716-717; July, £712-720; Sept, £723-726; Nov, £728-730. Sales: 473 lots including one option.

ARABICAS were steady.—Dec, $82-94 per 50 kilos; Feb, $87.50-87.90; April, $88.10-88.20; June, $88.40-88.60; Aug, $89.30-90.00; Oct, $89.80-90.00; Dec, $90.00-90.50. Sales: 27 lots.

COCOA futures were barely steady.—Dec, £647.50-48.00 per metric ton; March, £628.50-29.80; May, £614.50-15.00; July, £606.50-07.50; Sept, £590-600; Dec, £594-95; March, £592.50-93.00. Sales: 1,558 lots. ICO prices: daily 54.59c; 15-day average 55.69c; 22-day average 56.85c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: Although nearby December dropped about £4, futures were steady. The London daily prices were: "raws" £150 and "whites" £170 (both unchanged).—Dec, £150-50.75 per long ton; March, £156.60-56.70; May, £158-58.08; Aug, £159.35-59.40; Oct, £159.50-60.00; Dec, £159.75-60.00; March, £159.75-59.95. Sales: 2,137 lots. ISA prices: 12.85c; 17-day average 13.55c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quietly steady.—Dec, £81-84 per metric ton; Feb, £84.40-84.60; April, £85.30-85.50; June, £86.00-86.30; Aug, £86.30-87.40; Oct, £88.00-88.20. Sales: 34 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—Dec, 168-78p per kilo; March, 174-78n; May, 176.5-80.0p; July, 180-85p; Oct, 189.5-90.5p; Dec, 191-95.5p; March, 192-96p. Sales: 10 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, £196 per long ton. "D" grade, Nov-Dec, £188. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, Oct-Nov, Rs 480 per 400 lb bushel. Dundee Daisee, Oct-Nov, Rs 450.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Imported grain markets remain slow with selling levels barely steady to easier.

WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent. Jan, £99.25; Feb, £99.95; March, £102.50 direct Tilbury. April mid-May, £99.45; May, £99.05; June, £99.35; July, £99.65 trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed. Nov, £63.75; Dec, £65.50 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French. Nov, £65.50; Dec, £66; Jan, £67 trans-shipment east coast sellers. South African white, Jan, £68.35; Feb, £68.50; March, £68.75 UK. South African yellow, Jan, £67.25; Feb, £67.50; March, £67.75 UK. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.

BARLEY was unquoted.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was barely steady: Jan, £62.10; March, £64.25; May, £65.80; Sept, £63.15. WHEAT was steady: Jan, £64.45; March, £65.55; May, £66.95; Sept, £66.25.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Hertford ..	£61.85	—	£59.60
B'ders (West)	—	—	£59.95

MARK LANE: A light interdealer trade was reported at barely steady rates. Dec parcels of milling wheat traded to the London area at £64.25 while East Anglia paid £64 for Dec deliveries of denaturable quality and £65 per long ton for Jan deliveries of feed barley. The following are average sellers quotations per long ton for delivery London area: wheat milling Dec £64.50; Jan-March, £66.50. Denaturable Dec £61; Jan-March, £66. Barley feed Dec £65.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 26.—UK: Cattle £21.93 per live cwt (+0.93). Sheep 37.3p per lb EDCW (−0.6). Pigs £4.99 per score (−0.08). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 2.6 per cent average price £21.92 (+0.84). Sheep numbers down 11.7 per cent average price 37.5p (−0.6). Pig numbers down 7.7 per cent average price £4.90 (−0.08). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 15.1 per cent, average price £23.23 (+0.89). Sheep numbers down 37.6 per cent, average price 35.1p (−0.8). Pig numbers up 36.4 per cent, average price £4.81 (+0.04).

TEA: There was a fair and slightly more general demand for the 9,726 packages of Sri Lanka tea offered at auction Nov 25 the Tea Brokers' Association reported. Bops were irregular but bop fannings sold well at around last rates. The few brighter uvas were dearer following quality and dust grade were also higher. The 440 packages of south Indian tea offered attracted a strong demand and prices were up to 2p per kilo dearer.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	11%
First London Secs	11%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*11%
Lloyds Bank	11%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster ..	11%
Rossminster Acc's	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

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55	25	Armitage & Rhodes	25	−2	3.0	12.0	6.6
99	94	Deborah Services	99	—	7.5	7.6	5.2
134	90	Henry Sykes	134	—	4.9	3.7	8.9
61	18	Twinlock Ord	26	—	0.9	3.6	6.4
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	54	—	12.0	22.2	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	62	—	4.5	7.3	11.9

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed much firmer on the foreign exchanges yesterday, but below its best levels of the session. Its firmness followed indications that a solution to New York's financial problems may be imminent.

The United States unit rose sharply following a statement from administration officials that President Ford would propose Federal guarantees for the city at a press conference last night, but fell back later on profit-taking as operators assessed the position.

Sterling fell 50 points against the dollar to $2.0325. The pound's "effective rate" was unchanged at 29.8 per cent.

Gold fell $1.25 an ounce, to $140.25.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) November 26	Market rates (close) November 26
New York	$2.0305-0370	$2.0320-0330
Montreal	$2.0545-0585	$2.0555-0565
Amsterdam	5.43-46fl	5.44½-45½fl
Brussels	79.70-80.25f	79.95-80.15f
Copenhagen	12.34-37k	12.35½-36½k
Frankfurt	5.29½-32½m	5.31¼-32¼m
Lisbon	54.80-60e	54.65-85e
Madrid	120.70-121.20p	120.80-121.00p
Milan	1387-91lr	1388½-89½lr
Oslo	11.24-27k	11.24½-25½k
Paris	9.01-04f	9.02½-03½f
Stockholm	8.93-96k	8.93¾-94¾k
Tokyo	615-21y	616-18y
Vienna	37.40-80sch	37.50-70sch
Zurich	5.41½-45f	5.42¾-43¾f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 29.8 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.10-1.00c prem	2.47-2.37c prem
Montreal	.55-.45c prem	1.05-.95c prem
Amsterdam	3½-2½c prem	9-8c prem
Brussels	45-25c prem	110-90c prem
Copenhagen	9½-7½ore prem	20-17ore prem
Frankfurt	4½-3½pf prem	10½-9½pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-30c disc	75c prem-25c disc
Milan	1½-3½lr prem	10-8lr prem
Oslo	7-5ore prem	15-13ore prem
Paris	4½-2½c prem	10-8c prem
Stockholm	4½-2½ore prem	10½-8½ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	5-4c prem	11-10c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9983-86.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5-5½; seven days, 5½-5¾; one month, 5½-6; three months, 6¼-6½; six months, 7½-8.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $141.25 (an ounce); pm, $140.60.

Krugerrand: (per coin): $143.50-145.50 (£70.75-71.75) (domestic); $143.25-145.25 (£70.50-71.50) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $42.50-43.50 (£21.00-21.50) (new); $42.25-44.25 (£20.75-21.75) (international).

Discount market

The Bank of England, for the second day running, was required to assist the market on an exceptionally large scale. This time, the help was confined to purchases of Treasury bills, from the houses and banks, and corporation bills directly from the houses.

Even so, with up to 15 per cent being paid in the interbank market for late balances, it seemed certain run-down balances would be carried forward to Thursday.

Settlement of the fairly substantial official sales of gilts made on Tuesday, and repayment of the very large Bank of England loans made to the market Tuesday, were major factors draining funds from the market.

In favour of the market were a decline in the note circulation and an excess of Government disbursements over revenue transfers to the Exchequer.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11⅝%
(Last changed 14/11/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 11¼ Close 11¼
Week Fixed: 11¼-11½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11	2 months	10 15/16
3 months	11	3 months	10 15/16

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	11-10 15/16	3 months	10⅝
3 months	11-10 15/16	4 months	11¼
4 months	11-10⅞	6 months	12
6 months	11-10⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11½-11¼	7 months	11½-11¼
2 months	11½-11¼	8 months	11½-11¼
3 months	11½-11¼	9 months	10¾-10½
4 months	11½-11¼	10 months	10¾-10½
5 months	11½-11¼	11 months	10¾-10½
6 months	11½-11¼	12 months	11¼-11½

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11¼-11⅛	6 months	11¼-11⅛
3 months	11¼-11⅛	12 months	11¼-11⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11¼-11⅛	3 months	11¼
7 days	11½-11¼	6 months	11½
1 month	11¼	1 year	12 1/16-12⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 11¼ Close 11¼

1 week	11¼-11½	6 months	11¼
1 month	11½-11¼	9 months	11 5/16-11¼
3 months	11¼	12 months	11 5/16-11⅛

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1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd, Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2	061-236 9775		
23.6	20.6	Giants	29.0	31.2	3.93
35.0	21.1	Do Accum	31.5	33.9	3.93
30.8	18.2	Growth	27.8	29.9	4.19
32.2	19.0	Do Accum	30.3	32.6	4.19
31.5	20.7	Income	31.5	33.8	10.87
36.0	23.4	Do Accum	36.0	38.7	10.87
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	18.6	19.7	2.55
		Lawson Securities, 63 George Street, Edinburgh.	031-226 3911		
34.0	18.6	American Fnd	20.2	22.2	1.60
34.0	18.6	Do Accum	20.3	22.3	1.60
29.8	21.4	Gilt&Warrant	27.4	29.9	3.40
40.6	27.3	High Yield Fnd	37.8	41.3	12.00
43.5	29.0	Do Accum	43.5	47.0	12.00
76.7	47.5	Scottish Inc	71.4	77.9	3.40
77.7	47.5	Do Accum	72.3	78.8	3.40
50.9	34.9	Gas Ind Power	47.1	50.7	3.63
33.1	19.9	General Fund	25.7	27.6	5.39
53.1	36.2	Global Growth	47.6	51.1	2.93
171.8	87.2	Gold & General	91.7	98.5	3.31
62.5	35.7	Growth	58.3	62.7	4.65
56.1	34.7	High Income	55.8	60.0	7.37
		Commercial Union Group, St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3.	01-283 7500		
35.9	18.4	Variable An Acc	..	35.9	..
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99.5	100.0	Deposit Bnd (5)	99.5	104.9	..
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98.0	63.6	Flexible Fnd	97.5	102.8	..
159.7	87.1	Equity Fnd	159.7	..	..
159.7	90.6	Do 2nd Ser	155.2	163.5	..
100.4	100.0	Exec Pen Cap	..	100.4	..
100.3	100.0	Do Accum	..	100.3	..
145.8	100.0	PenFndCap	145.8	153.6	..
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107.4	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	107.4	113.2	..

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• Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Sub-divided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (6) Dec 3, (9) Dec 2, (10) Nov 28, (14) Dec 1, (15) Dec 3, (16) Dec 9, (18) Dec 9, (19) Dec 16, (20) 25th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month, (38) 3rd Wednesday of month, (39) 2nd Wednesday of month, (40) Valued monthly.

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	Index	Day's change	Gross Yield %	Index Yield %	Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	162.32		6.34	11.67	164.76
Largest Cos.	159.84		6.77	11.51	162.32
Smaller Cos.	166.74		4.69	10.89	166.64
Capital Goods	155.40		6.82	11.37	156.46
Consumer Goods	174.61		6.70	10.91	176.72
Store Shares	132.44		6.38	7.24	135.39
Largest financial shares	168.06		5.45	—	169.66
Largest financial and industrial shares	159.23		6.83	—	160.55
Commodity shares	219.69		4.21	12.15	215.16
Gold Mining Shares	457.42		7.44	10.44	458.74
Industrial debenture stocks	77.26		8.01	—	77.26
Industrial preference stocks	50.27		14.79	—	50.29
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	High	Low
All-time	168.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1970	156.82 (15.11.72)	61.42 (06.01.71)
1974	156.18 (26.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.32 (12.01.73)	129.09 (14.12.73)
1972	192.47 (15.08.72)	174.45 (04.01.72)
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1970	145.18 (14.08.70)	119.73 (26.05.70)

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The person appointed will be required to work initially with a Team preparing a course on food production systems, and candidates should preferably have experience or an interest in quantitative modelling.

SYSTEMS (Please quote Ref. 2569)

Applicants should have experience with broad based systems studies in engineering, biological, social or management systems and be formally qualified in one of the basic sciences, engineering or social sciences. The successful applicant would join a team teaching and doing research on a variety of systems topics. Field research would be particularly encouraged. The main teaching role would involve contributions from a systems viewpoint to other faculty courses and participation in the maintenance and re-writing of existing systems courses.

Salary will be at a point appropriate to the successful candidates' qualifications and experience on the Lecturer's Scale: £2,861.83 to £6,133.56 per annum (under review from October 1, 1975) plus membership of the Universities' Superannuation Scheme.

Application forms and further particulars are available from The Personnel Manager (LS1), The Open University, P.O. Box 75, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AL. Telephone: Milton Keynes 63868/9. Closing date: December 11, 1975.

University of Auckland

LIBRARY

SCIENCE LIBRARIAN

Applications are invited for the post of Science Librarian in the University Library.

Applicants should possess a degree and professional library qualifications, as well as experience in a university or research library. Knowledge of foreign languages is desirable and preference will be given to candidates with Science subjects in their degree. The Science Librarian will be responsible to the University Librarian for the efficient administration of the Science Library and will be responsible for circulation, reference, interloan and allied services to staff and students.

It is expected that an appointment will be made at the level of Associate Librarian within the salary range of NZ$9,501 to $10,516 per annum or Head of Department NZ$7,267 to $8,707 per annum. The successful candidate will be expected to take up the appointment on March 1 1976 or as soon as possible thereafter. Conditions include provisions for approved travel and removal expenses and superannuation.

Conditions of Appointment and Method of Application may be obtained from New Zealand and Australian Universities or from the Assistant Registrar, Staff Appointments, University of Auckland. The information may also be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square London WC1H 0PF.

Applications in accordance with "Method of Application" will be accepted at any time up to January 31, 1976.

University of Cambridge

PROFESSORSHIP OF ENGINEERING (1875)

Applications are invited for the above Chair which is vacant by the death of Professor P. McG. Ross. Preference will be given to candidates whose work is in the field of mechanical engineering with special reference to design.

Present pensionable stipend £8,736, plus £83.52 threshold.

Applications (ten copies) marked 'Confidential' should be sent to the Secretary General of the Faculties, from whom further information may be obtained, at the General Board Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge CB2 1TT. Names of two referees may be submitted if desired. Closing date: 5 January, 1976.

Exeter University Library

EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

SENIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Applications are invited from Chartered Librarians for the post of Senior Library Assistant in the European Documentation Centre which forms part of the Law Library. Candidates should be experienced in the cataloguing and detailed indexing of documents and books, preferably in the social sciences.

Initial salary will be on Grade III B (£2,501-£3,411) and the person appointed will be required to take up the post as soon as possible.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Administrative Officer (Staffing), University of Exeter, Northcote House, The Queen's Drive, Exeter, EX4 4QJ, to whom applications should be sent (three copies), with the names and addresses of two referees, not later than December 19, 1975. Please quote reference no. 2/5/3115.

University of Oxford

VIGFUSSON READERSHIP IN ANCIENT ICELANDIC LITERATURE AND ANTIQUITIES

The electors intend to proceed to an election to the Vigfusson Readership in Ancient Icelandic Literature and Antiquities which is now vacant. The stipend of the reader will be on a scale which is at present £5,838 to £7,536 a year. Applications (10 copies) naming three referees but without testimonials, should be received not later than 23 January 1976 by the Registrar, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Senior Administrative Officer

Manchester

Applications are invited (from men and women) for a Senior Administrative Officer (Assistant Secretary level) post on the staff of the Equal Opportunities Commission. Salary is in the range £8,650-£11,000.

The Commission has been set up under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 to work towards the elimination of discrimination, to promote equality of opportunity between men and women generally and to oversee and advise on the working of the relevant legislation.

This officer will have the responsibility for advising the Chief Officer and the Commission on its strategy; for planning and undertaking research and the development of policy; and for drawing up publicity and educational programmes designed to achieve the Commission's aims.

The work will demand clear thinking, a capacity for judgement and critical analysis and good powers of communication. Candidates must have a good honours degree and a record of substantial achievement in a relevant area such as business, the professions or central or local government.

Selection will be by interview in early January. The successful candidate will be expected to take up appointment as soon as possible. Conditions of service, including a non-contributory pensions scheme, will be analogous to those of the Civil Service.

Application forms and further details may be obtained from:

Equal Opportunities Commission Planning Unit,
Commission House, 20 Grosvenor Hill, London W1X 0HX.
Tel. No. 01-629 8233 ext 29.

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 19th December 1975.

ECONOMICS GRADUATES

become a professional Economist and enjoy prospects leading to over £11,000

As an economist in government service you'll be engaged in work of the highest national consequence. You'll be providing Ministers and senior administrators with advice on general economic matters and on specific policy proposals. The importance of this work is such that it cannot be over-emphasised.

If you're under 27 and have or expect to obtain in 1976 a degree with first or second class honours, or a post-graduate degree, in economics or a closely related subject you could become an Economic Assistant. You would then be earning between £2800 and £4100 pa (inner London) and promotion to Senior Economic Assistant, which should take no longer than two or three years, would bring you on to a [illegible] pects—Senior Economic Adviser with salary rising to over £11,000 and higher posts still.

These appointments are pensionable and may be permanent or for a fixed period.

CADET ECONOMISTS

There are also a very few vacancies for Cadet Economists. You must be under 27 and have or expect to obtain in 1976 a degree with first or good second class honours not necessarily in economics—but you must show real interest and aptitude in that subject. As a Cadet, you would start at £1835 (higher in London) and be sponsored in a post-graduate course in economics. On successful completion of this course you will be appointed as an Economic Assistant.

These posts are permanent and pensionable.

For full details and an application form (to be returned by 6 February 1976) write to Civil Service Commission, [illegible] 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 68551 (answering service operates outside office hours) or London 01-839 1992 (24 hour answering service). Please quote ref. A/621/3.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Otago

STUDIO ENGINEER

AUDIO VISUAL LEARNING CENTRE

Applications are invited for the technical position of Studio Engineer in the Audio Visual Learning Centre of the University of Otago. The successful applicant will join a small team of professionals engaged with members of the academic staff in the production of instructional materials for use by students of this University.

Duties will include the operation and maintenance of equipment for the University film and CCTV studio, mobile CCTV unit, sound studio and supporting electronic and general workshops. The maintenance of equipment in the student study centre, and the provision of advice on technical aspects of sound and vision recording.

The appointment will be made on the University technical salary scale up to a maximum of NZ$8,520 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

Further particulars are available from D. W. Girvan, Registrar.

Applications in duplicate, quoting reference number 1506 and stating age, full details of qualifications and experience, and the names of two referees, close with the Registrar at P.O. Box 56, Dunedin, New Zealand, on 3 January, 1976.

Imperial College of Science and Technology

LECTURER IN POLYMER ENGINEERING

Applications are invited for the above new post in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Preference will be given to candidates with a broad range of interests since the post is intended to foster links between mechanical properties studies and the understanding activities of processing and polymer science within the [illegible]. Some industrial experience would be an advantage. Teaching studies will include polymer engineering at both undergraduate and post graduate level in conjunction with general mechanics and/or materials subjects.

Salary within the scale £2,778 to £5,835 [illegible] London allowance and [illegible] threshold payment.

Applications should be sent to Professor J. G. Williams, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Imperial College of Science and Technology, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 2BX, to arrive not later than 12th December, 1975.

Massey University

Palmerston North, New Zealand

LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER/READER IN VETERINARY CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned position in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. Postgraduate experience and/or qualifications in clinical pharmacology and therapeutics, and experience in veterinary medicine are essential for a senior appointment.

An appointment at the lecturer level could be made for a clinician interested in pharmacology and therapeutics, but lacking specialist training in which case such training could be arranged.

Salary: [illegible] Reader, NZ$[illegible]; Senior Lecturer, NZ$[illegible]; Lecturer, NZ$[illegible].

Further details of the position and of the University, together with the general conditions of appointment may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Registrar of the University.

Applications close on January 23, 1976.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER

CHAIR IN ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

Applications are invited for one of the three chairs in the Department of Accounting and Finance, the vacancy arising because of the translation of Professor Edward Stamp to the J. Arthur Rank Research Professorship in Accountancy. The post is tenable from 1 September, 1976, or such earlier or later date as may be arranged.

Applications should be submitted by 31 January 1976. Further particulars may be obtained from the Establishment Officer, University House, Bailrigg, Lancaster.

RUNTON HILL SCHOOL, NORFOLK

The HEADSHIP of Runton Hill School will become vacant in March, 1976.

Applications from either sex for this post are invited, and should be sent not later than 17th December, 1975, to the Secretary of the Governing Body, Runton Hill School, 1 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JT.

The Secretary will supply upon request full particulars of the post, including salary and allowances, accommodation, etc.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University College Cardiff

Applications are invited for the following vacancies:

LECTURERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTANCY AND FINANCIAL CONTROL

Salary range: £2,778 to [illegible] (under review). Duties to commence 1 January, 1976, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applicants should have some practical accounting experience and a professional qualification would be an advantage.

Applications, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be forwarded to The Vice-Principal (Administration) and Registrar, University College, P.O. Box 78, Cardiff, CF1 1XL, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Closing date [illegible] December, 1975. Please quote [illegible].

The Middlesex Hospital Medical School

(University of London)

COURTAULD INSTITUTE OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Applications are invited for a POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW to work on the control of protein synthesis with particular emphasis on the mechanism of control of translation of specific [illegible] for [illegible] a project [illegible] for a period of three years by the M.R.C.

Starting salary within the range [illegible] plus London Allowance per annum and Superannuation.

Applications including curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees, to be sent to Professor P. N. Campbell, Courtauld Institute of Biochemistry, The Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London W1P 8PR, by [illegible] January, 1976. Further details may be obtained [illegible].

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Monash University

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

TUTOR/SENIOR TUTOR

Applications are invited for two tutorships senior tutorships in geography. It is hoped to fill one position in human geography and one in physical geography. The successful applicants will be expected to conduct tutorials and to undertake research.

Salary: Senior Tutor $A10,151 to $12,065 per annum with superannuation. Tutor $A8,578 to $10,148 per annum. Travelling and removal allowance. Repatriation. Assistance with temporary housing.

Information and application procedure available from the Academic Registrar, Monash University, Wellington Road, Clayton, Victoria 3168, Australia, or the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF. Enquiries about the Department to Professor M. I. Logan. In the University closing date 15 December, 1975.

University of London

LECTURESHIP in EAST EUROPEAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Applications are invited for appointment to this post, to be held jointly at the London School of Economics and Political Science and the School of Slavonic and East European Studies from 1 October, 1976. Details may be had from the Secretary-Registrar, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London, Senate House, London WC1E 7HU to whom applications must be delivered before 1st January, 1976.

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No. 003840 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of EUROGLOBE IMPORTS & EXPORTS Ltd. and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 19th day of November, 1975, presented to the said Court by Ferox Watch Limited whose registered office is at Via G.B. Pioda 12, Lugano, Switzerland, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on the 15th day of December, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

FRESHFIELDS, Solicitors for and on behalf of the Petitioner, Grindall House, 25 Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7LH.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 13th day of December, 1975.

IN the MATTER of ALLEGRO SOUND EQUIPMENT Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 9th day of January, 1976, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Philip Monjack, F.C.A., of 15 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1975.

PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A., Liquidator.

This Notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

In the Matter of PARDSLEY Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 17th day of December, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned LEONARD CYRIL CURTIS, F.C.A., of 15 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1975.

LEONARD CYRIL CURTIS, F.C.A., Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of LONDON AND MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTIONS (PROPERTIES) Limited. Nature of Business: Building conversion and development.

WINDING UP ORDER MADE 27th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS, 12th December 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of NITMERRY INVESTMENTS Limited. Nature of Business: Property owners.

WINDING UP ORDER MADE 27th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS, 10th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of LONDON & EUROPEAN HOLDINGS Limited. Nature of Business: Trust & investment company.

WINDING UP ORDER MADE 20th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS, 12th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PIKELODGE Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in Property.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 12th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SPARBURGH Limited. Nature of Business: Property dealers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 4.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 4.15 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

In the SUPREME COURT of NEW SOUTH WALES Family Law Division

To: HUGH BONNAR TAKE NOTICE that DORIS BONNAR has filed Petition No. 8058 of 1975 for dissolution of marriage on the ground of Separation and seeks an order for costs. If you wish to defend such proceedings you may file an Answer in the Family Law Registry, Supreme Court, 31 Phillip Street, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, on or before the 7th February, 1976. You may obtain a copy of the Petition and Notice of Petition without charge from Messrs. H. M. Salmon, Layton & Co., Solicitors, 84 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

TERRANCE GREENWOOD, Registrar.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DEPP & PARKER (DECORATORS LONDON) Limited (formerly A. F. DRYSDALE (LONDON) Limited). Nature of Business: Antique dealers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 12th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of [illegible] ARBRID HOLDINGS Limited. Nature of Business: [illegible].

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of HEENAN BEDDOW [illegible] Limited. Nature of Business: Holding Company.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 11th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

No. 003804 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of FITZWILLIAM AUTOMOBILE SERVICE Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 17th day of November 1975 presented to the said Court by Williams & Glyn's Bank Ltd. whose registered office is situate at 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3P 3DP. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on the 15th day of December 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

GODDEN, HOLME & CO., 5 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1X 8BG.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 12th day of December 1975.

No. 003731 of 1975.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of SATGRANGE Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 11th day of November, 1975, presented to the said Court by Williams & Glyn's Bank Limited whose registered office is at 20 Birchin Lane, London, EC3P 3DP, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on the 8th day of December, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

GODDEN, HOLME & CO., 5 Upper Belgrave Street, London, SW1X 8BG, Solicitors for the Petitioning Creditor.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th day of December 1975.

In the ROYAL COURT of THE ISLAND OF JERSEY (Samedi Division). To: JOHN H. R. CRIDLAND, formerly of 1a Victoria Avenue, St. Helier, Island of Jersey, Channel Islands.

YOU are required to appear in the Royal Court, Royal Square, St. Helier, Jersey, on the fifth day of December One thousand nine hundred and seventy five at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, to defend the action of which particulars appear below and this at the instance of Maple and Company Furnishers Limited.

If you do not appear judgement may be given in your absence.

ACTIONING you to pay the sum of £395.50 being the amount of an account rendered by Maple and Company Furnishers Limited in respect of a "Belmont three piece suite" ordered by you on the 6th day of September, 1974 and subsequently delivered to your previous address in Jersey, 1a Victoria Avenue, St. Helier.

YOU may appear either personally or by an Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey.

J. A. CLYDE-SMITH, Advocate for Maple and Company Furnishers Limited.

THE Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of DUCOR WIRE and TUBE PRODUCTS Limited by Order of the High Court of Justice dated 5th day of September 1975 I, MARTIN JOHN SPENCER, of Messrs. Stoy, Hayward & Co., 54 Baker Street, London W.1 have been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

Dated this 24th day of September 1975.

M. J. SPENCER, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PROGRAM BROKERS Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in computer software.

WINDING UP ORDER MADE 20th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS, 11th December, 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 2.30 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.45 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SEMACROFT PROPERTIES Limited. Nature of Business: Property dealers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 15th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th December 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 3.30 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and the same place at 3.45 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of COMPUTER RESALE BROKERS Limited. Nature of Business: Computer equipment dealers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 11th December 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.15 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BARANQUIBLE Limited. Nature of Business: Property dealers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.15 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PIEDMONT PROPERTIES Limited. Nature of Business: To purchase investment for land and houses.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 11th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 12.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 12.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GROVILLE Limited. Nature of Business: Property owners.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd November, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 2.30 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 2.40 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DUNTET HOLDINGS Limited. Nature of Business: Property owners.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 3rd November, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 2.15 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.35 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 3[illegible]

In the HIGH C[illegible] Chancery Divis[illegible] trict Registry Gr[illegible] In the Matter c[illegible] LINGSHURST[illegible] Matter of the C[illegible]

Notice is he[illegible] PETITION for t[illegible] the above-namec[illegible] the 14th day [illegible] presented to [illegible] Justice, Chance[illegible] chester District [illegible] by North D[illegible] Limited whose [illegible] situate at The C[illegible] ley, Grindleford, [illegible] Derby.

And that the [illegible] directed to be [illegible] Court sitting [illegible] Justice, Crown S[illegible] on Thursday, [illegible] December 1975 [illegible] in the forenoon [illegible] or Contributory [illegible] pany desirous to [illegible] the making of [illegible] said Petition m[illegible] time of hearing [illegible] his Solicitor or [illegible] purpose; and a [illegible] tion will be furni[illegible] signed to any Cr[illegible] tory of the said [illegible] such copy on pa[illegible] lated charge for [illegible]

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Notice is hereby [illegible] PETITION was on the [illegible] ber 1975 present[illegible] Majesty's High Court [illegible] the confirmation of [illegible] of the Capital of the [illegible] Company from £3[illegible] £3,500,000 by retu[illegible] which is in excess of [illegible] the said Company.

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Any Creditor or Sh[illegible] the said Company [illegible] oppose the making of [illegible] the confirmation of the [illegible] tion of Capital should a[illegible] time of hearing in pe[illegible] Counsel for that purpo[illegible]

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THE COMPANIES ACT, [illegible] Matter of RAVI[illegible] CHECKMATE CO. Lim[illegible] of Business: General M[illegible]

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DATE and PLACE [illegible] MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th [illegible] 1975, at Room G20 Atl[illegible] Holborn Viaduct London [illegible] at 10.00 o'clock.

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THE COMPANIES ACT, [illegible] Matter of SOUTHGATE [illegible] Limited. Nature of [illegible] Builders.

WINDING-UP ORD[illegible] 27th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE [illegible] MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 12th [illegible] 1975, at Room G20 At[illegible] Holborn Viaduct London [illegible] at 2.00 o'clock.

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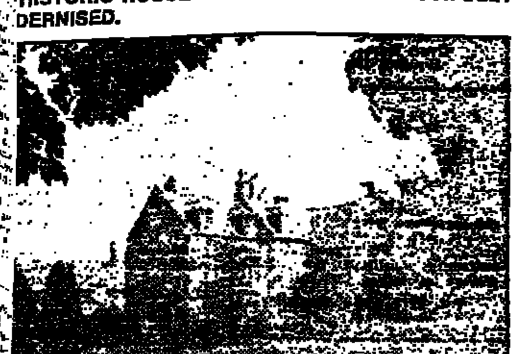
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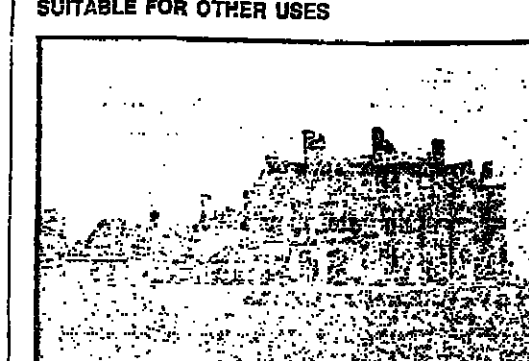
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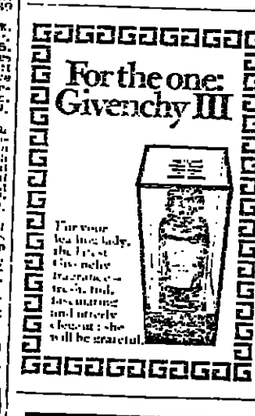
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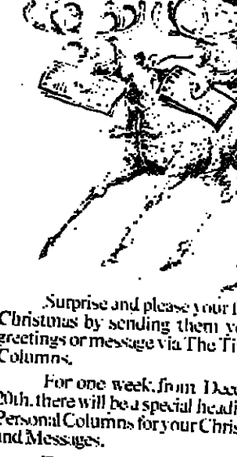
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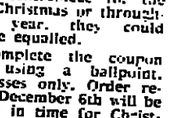
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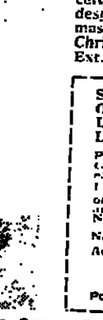
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The steering has a moderate amount of power assistance, which means that *the driver has enough "feel"* combined with lightness for parking. Close to full lock the steering starts to hiss, as it does on the Jaguar. The brakes are power-assisted discs all round, with a dual circuit, and respond to the merest touch of the pedal. The gearbox is excellent once you get used to the long travel and the spring loading, which may easily take you straight from first to fourth.

Although the 30 TS must be considered a big car, at 14ft 10in it is less than a foot longer than the Renault 16 and shorter than almost all its competitors. Interior space is generous, with plenty of head and leg room in the back for a tall person and enough width to seat three in comfort. Boot *space is not exceptional, though the* top-hinged tailgate makes loading very easy, and the rear seat folds down, or *can even be removed, if a bigger luggage area is needed.* There are seven possible seat permutations, one of which provides a makeshift bed.

I found it a little difficult to obtain the ideal driving position without the *rather large steering wheel pinning* my thighs and I could have done with height, as well as rake and reach adjustment on the seat. The instruments are on the small side, and arguably the most important of them, the fuel gauge, is hidden by the rim of the steering wheel. The heater was adequate in output but took some time to warm up. The fresh air vents, however, proved most effective. The windscreen wipers have only one speed, which I found distractingly fast, and their operation was noisy. A generous glass area ensures good visibility and it is easy to judge the rear limits of the car. One curiosity is that the outside door locks are such that only the left hand can operate them on the offside of the car, and vice versa.

The 30 TS comes comprehensively equipped, with power-steering, electric front windows, central door-locking, laminated windscreen, heated backlight, revolution counter, clock, twin halogen headlamps (with height adjuster), double reversing lights, head restraints and outside mirror. All that makes the basic price of £3,952 competitive, although cloth seats cost an extra £35.

Towards better economy

In a television broadcast just over a year ago President Ford asked American car manufacturers to achieve a 40 per cent improvement in average fuel economy by the 1980 model year. Several bills *have since been intro*duced in Congress to translate that request into law.

A glance at the fuel consumption figures for American cars may suggest, to British eyes at least, that such concern is not excessive. In the 1974 model year the averages were 12.2 mpg for General Motors' cars, 14.4 for Ford and 13.8 for Chrysler. Even the smaller imported cars from Europe and Japan could not produce an over*all national figure of* better than 14 mpg, and the picture looks worse still when it is remembered that the *American gallon* is about four fifths of its British equivalent. The average British car, according to the Central Policy Review Staff, does 27 mpg.

The main reason why American cars are so thirsty is that they are big and use powerful engines. The introduction of smaller models, first the compact and more recently the subcompact car, should have improved the situation, as they now account for more than half the market. But two powerful forces have been working in the opposite direction: the legally backed moves towards cleaner exhausts, and better crash protection. *Reducing the level of exhaust emis*sion and making cars stronger and heavier may be good for health and survival but *it does mean that more* precious oil is burnt.

In the American Government's triple *concern for health, safety and fuel* conservation it will be interesting to see how the legislative balance falls in *the years ahead. General Motors is* publicly committed to achieving President Ford's target, with the important *proviso that safety and emission* standards continue at present level.

Meanwhile the increased use of *catalytic converters, which seems to* have emerged as the best way of ensuring that cleaner engines are not thirstier ones, and an accelerated change to smaller cars is already pushing the average up. But even if the *40 per cent target is reached* by 1980 the average American car, including imports, *will still, in our terms,* be doing only about 16 mpg.

Fewer parking tickets

The £6 fixed penalty for parking *offences seems to have been effect*ive. During the last full week of the old £2 fine 51,680 parking tickets were issued in the Metropolitan Police area but immediately after the introduction of the £6 ticket the weekly figure dropped to 31,170. Nor was the drop a temporary one, for the new fine has been in operation nearly three months and the issue of tickets remains at about 30,000 a week.

I suspect that many drivers had *come to accept the £2 fine*, which had been in force for 15 years, and felt it was often worth risking the money *rather than not park at all.* The threefold increase has certainly brought them up with a jerk, though it will *be interesting to see how long the* fine stays at £6.

It also remains to be seen whether more fines will be recovered. Under the old system it was estimated that about a third of fines were not collected, mainly because of the difficulty of tracing the person who was driving the car at the time. Now it is the car owner, whether or not he was in charge of the vehicle when the offence was committed, who must pay.

Peter Waymark

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...e environment taken a back seat lately on television? It bounces back ...with one of those disturbing ecological programmes (BBC1 10.15). Less ...ly those RAF erks get their marching orders for the present (ITV 8.30), ...stermind quiz reaches its semi-final stage (BBC1 8.30) and Horacio ...rez plays a piano concerto (BBC2 8.10). In the afternoon Blue Peter, the ...n's programme, launches its Christmas appeal (BBC1 4.45) and the Roundabout (BBC1 5.40) offers a moment of blissful escape before the ... The headmaster of Westminster provides a late-night view of the public (ITV 12.15).—L.B.

... On the Move. 12.25, ... 12.55, News. 1.00, ...ll. 1.45-2.02, Ragtime. ... School. 4.25, Barba-...0, Jackanory. 4.45, ...r. 5.10, John Craven. ... 5.40, Magic Round-...

...ws. 6.00, Nationwide. ...morrow's World. ...p of the Pops. ...n Dodd's World of ...ughter. ...stermind. ...ws. ...itch. ...at on Earth ... . Have We Done? ...night. ...eather.

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BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 6.15 pm, Open University. Use Your Head. 6.40, Avventura. 7.05, Open University. Open Forum.
7.30 *Newsday.*
8.10 André Previn's Music Night.
9.00 Spike Milligan in Q6.
9.30 Film: The Ringer, with Donald Wolfit, Herbert Lom, Mai Zetterling, *Greta Gynt, William* Hartnell.*
10.45 Film Night with John Huston.
11.10 Newsnight.
11.25-11.30 Stephen Thorne reads The Gum-gatherer, *by Robert Frost.*
*Black and white.

Thames

12.00, Animal Kwackers. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Jane Austen and Her World. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good *Afternoon.* 2.30, Couples. 3.00, Justice. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Film. The Frozen Limits, with the Crazy Gang.*
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 The Six Million Dollar *Man.*
8.00 This Week. Rudolf Hess prisoner No 7.
8.30 Get Some In!
9.00 *The Stars Look Down.*
10.00 News.
10.30 Orson Welles Great Mysteries.
11.00 Take Two.
12.00 What the Papers Say.
12.15 What Did You Learn at *School Today?*

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, Film: Son of Ali Baba, with Tony Curtis, Piper Laurie. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Space 1999. 8.00, Thames. 10.30-12.30 am, Film: Who Was That Lady? with Tony Curtis, Dean Martin, Janet Leigh.*

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The New Land. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Survival. 7.00, Thames. 10.30, Film: *Daddy's Gone a-Hunting*, with Carol White. 12.25 am, Southern News. 12.35, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, *The New Land.* 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Film: Lee Crosby in Wonder *Woman.* 8.00, *Thames.* 10.30, Reports Action. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20, Twilight Zone.* 11.45-12.20 am, The Challenging Sea.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, The Lone Ranger. 4.50, The Partridge Family. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 10.30, Emmerdale Farm. 11.25-11.55, *Arts Bazaar.*

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, Lost in Space. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Let's Play Bridge. 11.00-11.30, What's It All About?

...ames. 1.20 pm, West ... 1.25, Wales Headlines. ...nes. 2.00, Women Only. ...nes. 4.25, Lost in Space. ...: 5.25, Crossroads. ...s. 6.01, Report West. ...rt Wales. 6.35, The Best ...l. 7.05, Thames. 10.30, ...lliamson at 80. 11.00, ...River Street with John ...elm Keyes. 12.25 am ...HTV CYMRU/WALES.— ...except 1.20-1.25 pm, ...Newyddion Y Dydd. ...Ble Yn Byd ... 4.50- ...w Kong. 6.01-6.18, Y ...35-7.05, Sports Arena. ...—As HTV except: 1.20- ... West Headlines. 6.18-...t West.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Lassie. 4.50, The Lone Ranger. 5.20, *Supersonic.* 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 10.30, The Collaborators. 11.25, Arts Bazaar. 11.55, Border News Summary.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, *Thames.* 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Survival. 4.55, The Beachcombers. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, *News.* 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Sportscall. 11.10, His Face is Familiar—What's He Done? 11.40, Prayers.

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Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The Lone Ranger. 4.50, *The Partridge Family.* 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.00, The Northerners, Dame Flora Robson. 11.40, Epilogue.

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...ames. 1.25 pm, Anglia ...0, Thames. 2.00, Women ...0, Thames. 4.25, Romper ...55, Fantastic Voyage. ...ersonic. 5.50, News. ...ut Anglia. 6.20, Arena. ...nes. 10.30, Time Was ... ...nd of Royal Marines Com-...rces, 11.30, The Living ...

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The Flintstones. 4.50, Rainbow Country. 5.20, Babar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50 *News.* 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, World Worth Keeping. 7.00, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Fit To Last. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-11.35, Dilemma.

Radio

1
6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, Simon Bates. 4.30, DLT. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Pop Score. 7.30, Folk 75.† 8.02, Folkweave.† 9.02, Wally Whyton's Country Club.† 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan. (8.27, Racing bulletin). 8.02, Harry Carpenter. (10.30, *Waggoners'* Walk. 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.05, Michael Meech (1,500m). 12.00-12.05 am, News.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Ravel, Lalo, *Bizet.*† 8.00, News. 8.05, Hummel, Rossler.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Strauss.† 9.45, Delmo String Quartet, Haydn, Ronald Finch. 10.20, Barrel Organ Recital: *Bellini, Mozart,* Rossini, Handel. 10.50, Three Ways to Schubert.† 11.40, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Bach, Revueltas, Brahms.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Manchester Concert: *Martin Hughes,* Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms. 2.00, Choral and Orchestral Concert: Part 1, Purcell, Holst, Walton, Maconchy, *Handel.*† 2.50, Words ... R. W. Burchfield. 2.55, Concert: Part 2, Handel.† 3.45, Smetana String Quartet: Part 1, Janacek.† 4.30, Reading. 4.35, Concert: Part 2, Dvorak.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.50, African Music.

7.30, British Week in Munich: part 1, Tippett, Britten.† 8.30, A Yorkshire *Childhood:* Herbert Read. 8.50, Concert: Part 2, Walton.† 9.35, Man in the Image of God: Last of Drummond Lectures. 10.30, Carter and Debussy.† 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more *of Today.* 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Baker. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, *Service.* 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, If You Think You've Got Problems! 11.50, Sounds Puzzling. 12.00, pm, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, My Word! 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play The Nannies, part 1: Sunday in the Garden. 3.50, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Story. The Return. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Just a Minute. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.30, Any Answers? 8.00, Play. Lord Sky, by Carole Boyer, with Kim Hartman. 8.45, Analysis. The *British Car Industry.* 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime. The Little Otters. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

BUTLER.—On 24th November at Wells Hospital to Nicola (nee Pope) and Robert Butler—a son, Alexander Philip Dighton.

CHURCH.—On 23nd November, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Priscilla (nee St. Johnson) and Robert—a 2nd daughter.

COCKIN.—On November 15th, at Pembury to Petronella (nee Rous) and Thomas Peter John—a son (Michael Hereward John).

HARDY.—On Nov. 25th, to Penelope (nee Sherston) and Robert Hardy, of Villiers House, Eton—a son.

KOCEN.—On November 26, at the Middlesex Hospital, to Elisabeth (nee Glover) and Roman Kocen—a son (Andrew).

NAYLOR-LEYLAND. — On 23rd November to Carolyn and David—a son.

OUVAROFF.—On November 15th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Aorlie and Stephen—a sixth son (Piers Nicholas), brother for Jason, Dominic, Sacha, Luke and Caspar.

ROSS.—On Nov. 26th, to Diana (nee Millbourn) and Sandy—a daughter (Emma Louise).

WALKER.—On 25th November, at Queen Charlotte's to Elisabeth (nee Atlang) and David—a son (Thomas Edward Buchanan).

BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.—Mole. Loved as always by Bear.—H.B.

MARRIAGE

HOARE : SPROSTON.—On Monday, November 24th, quietly, Commander Patrick Hoare, of Monk's Farm House, Corsham, Wiltshire, to Mrs. Angel Jane Sproston (nee Franklin).

SILVER WEDDING

SHANKS : SMITH.—On November 25th, G. to Sheila S. Smith. Present address: 135 King Street East, Brockville, Ontario.

DEATHS

BAGNALL, PATRICK.—On November 24 following a road accident, the very dear son of Peter and Ann and brother of Sarah and Miles. Funeral service 2 p.m. 2nd December, St. Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, East Finchley, London, N.2.

BENNET-CLARK.—On 24th November, 1975, in Edinburgh after a long illness, Thomas Archibald Bennet-Clark, F.R.S., C.B.E., Emeritus Professor of Biology, University of East Anglia. Father of Margret Carey and Henry Bennet-Clark. Funeral at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 29th November in the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, followed by private Cremation.

BERNARD.—On November 26th, suddenly and peacefully, Sir Dallas (Dan) Bernard, Bt., aged 87 years, of Little Woodside, 9 Nun's Walk, Virginia Water, Surrey, dearly beloved husband of Betty and devoted father of Elizabeth, Dallas and Anne. Funeral private. Memorial service will be announced later.

BLAIR.—On Monday, November 24, suddenly, in the Royal United Hospital, Bath, Oliver Robin, beloved husband of Brigid, father of Christopher and Camilla. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, on Saturday, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

CHAMBERS.—On November 25th, suddenly at the Red House, North Creake, Fakenham, Eleanor Margaret, devoted and greatly loved sister of Toni Chambers and Molly Doris Seer. Funeral service at North Creake Church on Monday, December 1st, at 1.50 p.m. Flowers to the church before noon, please.

DOBERER.—On November 25th, suddenly, Ida Irene, at Bentley, Halland, Sussex, aged 87, widow of Frederick Doberer, of Grafton, New South Wales, and much loved mother of Bil and Mary. Funeral private, family flowers only.

DONALDSON, JAMES ARMSTRONG—Suddenly, Nov 20th, 1975, aged 34. Very dear younger son of Agnes and the late George Donaldson, of Bellshill, Lanarkshire. Loved by many.

FARQUHAR.—On 26th November, 1975, Margaret Mary (nee Smith), wife of James Keith, of Hill Cottage, Farnborough Hill, Orpington, Kent. Memorial service, Farnborough Parish Church, at 0.15 a.m., Saturday, 29th November. No flowers or letters. Donations, if desired, to Abbeyfield, Orpington or St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

FERGUSON.—On November 26th, 1975, suddenly, at his home, Broadmeade Copse, Wanborough, Surrey, Major Stuart Frederick Maxwell Ferguson, M.C., R.A. Rtd. Aged 86 years. Beloved husband of the late Stuart and the stepfather of Elisabeth Parry. Funeral service at Woking Crematorium, on Tuesday, December 2nd at 2.30 p.m. Cut flowers only to H. C. Patrick & Co., East Street, Farnham, Surrey.

GLANVILLE, LEONARD FOSTER.—Suddenly on 25th November, at his home, Long Barn, Portsdown Hill, Cosham, Hampshire, aged 87, much loved husband of Nancy, who died on 15th June, father of John, Trevor and Geoffrey and grandfather of Pippa, Charles and Louise. Funeral Christ Church, Portsdown, Tuesday, 2nd December, 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only.

IRWIN.—On 26th November peacefully, Freddie, beloved husband of Irene and father of Ethne. No flowers by his request. Donations to Cancer Research. Funeral, Malta, 27th November, 3.30 p.m.

JONES, DARONWY, Vicar of Roundthorn, Oldham, suddenly, on Sunday the next before Advent. Committal St. David's, Abercrave, Thursday, 27th November at 3 p.m.

KNOX.—On November 25th at Raydon, Suffolk, peacefully, Monica, widow of John and mother of Gerald and Tony. Service at Raydon Parish Church, at 13.15, Friday, November 28th, followed by private cremation at Ipswich. No flowers, but donations, please to Help the Aged, 8 Denman Street, W.1.

LEWIS, JENNY, wife of Bernard Lewis, 87 Gloucester Mews, West, London, and sister of Anne Brokaw, New Canaan, Connecticut, U.S.A., on 26th November at the Fitzroy Nuffield Nursing Home. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium on Friday at 11.30.

MOODY.—On 23 November, 1975, John Moody of 20 Vale Square, Ramsgate, peacefully, after a short illness, aged 82. Cremation today 27th November at Thanet Crematorium, Margate, at 4 p.m.

MURRAY-SMITH.—On November 26, peacefully, at his home, Squadron Leader James Murray-Smith, aged 67 years. Mourned by his wife and six children. Funeral service at Wendling Church, Wendling, near Dereham, Norfolk, on Saturday, November 29, at 3 p.m.

PAGE.—On 25th November, peacefully at his home, Palemaro, Pear Tree Green, Doddinghurst, Stanley Thomas, much loved husband of Ruby and dear father of Tony and Vivienne and grandfather of Graham. Funeral service at the South Essex Crematorium, Upminster, Monday, 1st December at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research.

PARK.—On November 25, 1975, in London, Cecilia Dewar Jopp Mitchell, aged 86, devoted wife of William Park, 29 Frobisher Court, Sydenham Rise, London, S.E.23, late of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and loving mother of Bice, Willie, John and Gill. Funeral private.

PETERS.—On 26th November, Gabriel, aged 72 years, of Hilton House, The Lonsties, Keswick, Cumbria, and late of Great Missenden, Bucks. Beloved husband of Florence and dear father of Raymond and Ursula. Funeral service at St. Johns in the Vale Church, on Monday, 1st December, 1975, at 2 p.m. No flowers by request.

PILBROW.—On 25th November, at Dunwood Manor Nursing Home, Nr. Romsey, Hampshire, Jessie, aged 92 years, widow of Harold James Pilbrow. Funeral service, The Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel, Friday, 28th November, at 2.45 p.m. Flowers may be sent to A. H. Cheater, Funeral Director, Romsey.

ROBERTSON.—On November 26, suddenly, in Hamburg, West Germany, Philippa Lelhem. Arrangements will be announced shortly.

SCOTT.—On November 25th, peacefully, at her daughter's home, East Manse, Loanhead, Midlothian, Helen Marguerita (Rita), wife of the late G. J. Scott, of Norwich, a beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral service November 28th, in Scotland. (No flowers, please.) A memorial service will be arranged in Norwich later.

SMITH.—On 23rd November, Jean Cary, wife of the late Frank W. J. Smith, at Guadalmina, Marbella, Spain; sadly missed by her sister Christina Gall.

SWAN.—On November 25, 1975, peacefully, at Westminster Hospital, Dr John Fraser Swan, of Horsecroft, Storrington, Sussex, beloved husband of Mary, devoted father of Angela, Alison, Malcolm and Jonathan and dear brother of Dorothy and Ruth. Funeral service and interment at Storrington Parish Church on Friday, November 28th, at 12.45 p.m. Flowers to H. D. Tribe Ltd., Storrington. Phone Storrington 2325.

TREVELYAN.—On November 25, 1975, suddenly, in Rome as the result of an accident, Audrey Esmé Rollo Thiébaut, daughter of the late Leslie and Esmé Trevelyan. Private funeral in Rome.

WARBURTON.—On November 21st after a short illness, Frank Warburton, aged 74 years. All funeral enquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service, telephone Oxted 5767.

DEATHS

WOOLRYCH.—On November 22nd, suddenly, at Aubrey Lodge, Emsworth, May Gertrude, beloved wife of Stanley, and dear mother of Austin, Robert and Margaret. Funeral service at Westbourne Parish Church, at 3 p.m. on Friday, November 28th. Family flowers only.

FUNERAL

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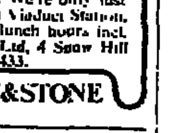
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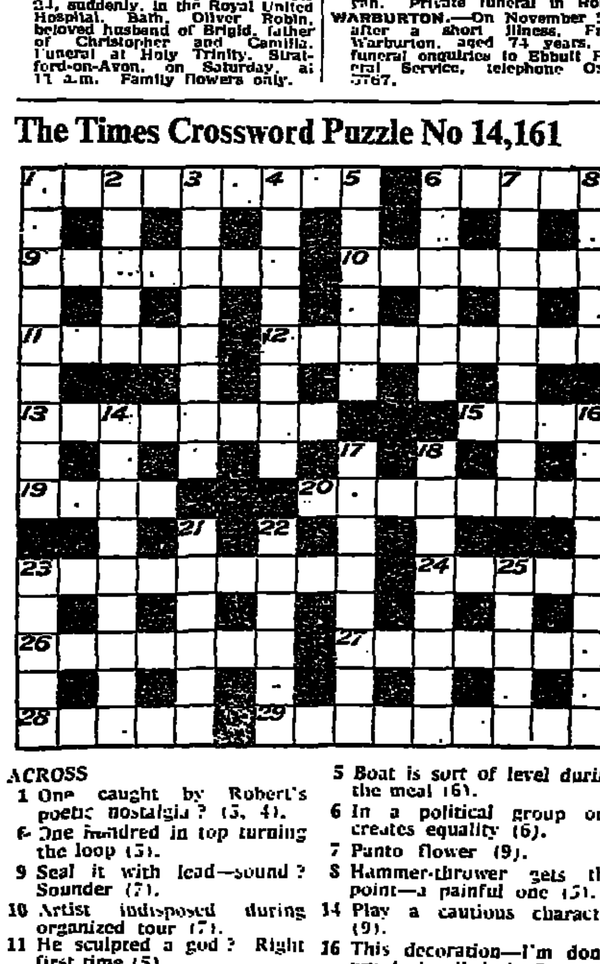
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ACROSS

1 One caught by Robert's poetic nostalgia ? (5, 4).
6 One hundred in top turning the loop (5).
9 Seal it with lead—sound ? Sounder (7).
10 Artist indisposed during organized tour (7).
11 He sculpted a god ? Right first time (5).
12 Once he gets the wind up he's off (9).
13 In stress I would risk this on the road (8).
15 Steady partnership (4).
19 Gustave's choice of notes (4).
20 Play the Good Samaritan to the Old Contemptibles in red revolution (8).
23 A hitch perhaps in the legal profession—content being invalid (4-5).
24 Art tripos (5).
26 Strip skit (4-3).
27 Rain interfered with witchcraft in Africa (7).
28 Chief character died, a cruel tyrant (5).
29 Champion for Elsa in her long distress (9).

DOWN

1 Sign of conjunction that spared man trouble (9).
2 In one or two words, about (5).
3 Drink number one, in general (8).
4 Surpassing even Munchausen some distance away ? (8).
5 Boat is sort of level during the meal (6).
6 In a political group one creates equality (6).
7 Panto flower (9).
8 Hammer-thrower gets the point—a painful one (5).
14 Play a cautious character (9).
16 This decoration—I'm done, wrecked, all in ! (9).
17 Get dug in again, to save your budget (8).
18 Marianne's change of nationality (8).
21 A means of communication, say, in express agreement (6).
22 Like occasions for good citizens to appear in the pound—terrible ! (6).
23 J. S. includes trumpet overture in this lot (5).
25 A la Yorick, has lost track (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,160



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